

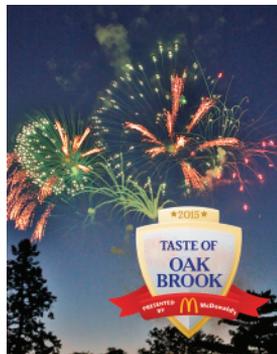
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2015 Summer Events



*Taste of Oak Brook
Fri. July 3, 2015, 4:00—9:00 PM
Spectacular Fireworks display at Dusk,
Live Entertainment & Children's
Activities, Oak Brook area fine
restaurants & beverage tent. On-site
parking available for \$10/vehicle*

*2015 Oak Brook Polo Season
Six Sundays for a total of 12 matches
July 12th, 19th & 26th
Aug. 9th, 16, & 23rd
1:00 PM & 3:00 PM
Raindates: Aug. 2nd & Sept. 13th*



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

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

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

It is so nice to have longer daylight hours as we move into spring and anxiously await the coming of warmer weather, the appearance of blooming flowers and trees, and visiting with our neighbors as we spend more time outdoors.

On the development front, the Village has been busy reviewing plans, issuing permits, and conducting inspections. The Oakbrook Center has had many improvements and projects underway, including plans to build a \$50-million dollar project consisting of 12 new movie theaters, more restaurants, and structured parking. The Duchossois Project is in their final planning stages for the redevelopment of the old Follett/DeAmertek sites and the Latisys Data Center continues their major renovation project. We were also pleased to see the new Real Urban Barbecue restaurant open last November and welcome them to Oak Brook! Finally, look for additional development updates included in the Community Development section of this newsletter.

With warmer weather come outdoor activities and fun for the whole family! Plans are underway for the Annual Taste of Oak Brook and spectacular Fireworks display to be held on Friday, July 3, 2015. We are working to bring Oak Brook's fine restaurants, great musical entertainment and a variety of activities for children and adults as we celebrate our nation's birthday!

Last summer, the polo program grew in popularity and this summer promises to bring more polo enthusiasts out to enjoy the 2015 Oak Brook Polo season. The Polo Committee together with Ravenswood Event Services is working hard to prepare for this season. This year we have included one additional date for 12 matches on six Sundays. Polo Season dates are set for Sunday afternoons on: July 12, 19, 26, August 9, 16, & 23, (rainout dates: Aug. 2 and Sept. 13). Information on ticket prices, sponsorships or advertisement opportunities can be found at www.oakbrookpoloclub.com. Mark the dates on your calendar, and come out and enjoy this great sport with friends new and old!

In other news, recently in his State Budget Address, Governor Rauner made a proposal for a fifty percent reduction in Local Governmental Distributive Fund (LGDF) payments to municipalities. If this were to occur, Oak Brook would see a revenue reduction near \$390,208. This reduction of funding would result in the need for modification or deferral of some of our planned projects.

In addition to dramatically cutting LGDF revenues, the Governor has proposed exempting police officers and

firefighters from pension reform. This restriction on local government will take away the ability to fund the rising costs of public safety pensions which have been well documented as unsustainable.

Oak Brook has been diligent in funding our pension obligations. In the last four years, the Village has contributed \$8.7 million in police and fire pensions, which is \$2.6 million more than the previous four-year contribution of \$6.1 million. The \$8.7 million contributed during the last four years equals 51% of the last 10-year funding obligation for the pensions. This clearly illustrates the Village is meeting and exceeding its obligation to the pension funding. We even added an additional \$350,000 to the fire pension in 2014.

As your Village President, I am working closely with the DuPage Mayors and Managers Caucus, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Illinois Municipal League to strategize the best options in preserving our funding share. We are willing and eager to work with the legislative leadership and the Governor to find a solution.

We are fortunate in Oak Brook to be so fiscally secure. Our principal source of income, the General Sales Tax, is at an all time high. Over the last four years, our revenues exceeded expenditures by \$5.5 million. Additionally, the 2014-ending reserve, our most important General Fund is \$12.4 million, which equals 7.5 months of our annual Operating Fund requirements and a 35% increase over 2010, before I took office as your President. This reserve is \$2.4 million above what the Village requires. Our total cash balance in all our funds as of 12/31/14 was \$28.5 million, which is 14% higher than four years ago. Suffice it to say that our financial condition is sound and robust.

As always, the Trustees, the staff, and I are available to you at all times. Feel free to call, email or meet any of us if you have any thoughts and concerns. We are here to serve you. As Dr. Jonas Salk so aptly said, "I feel the greatest reward for doing is the opportunity to do more."

Kind regards,



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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear Friends and Residents;

I have had the pleasure of being part of the Oak Brook family for just over six months. I cannot tell you how much I have been impressed with the professionalism, character, integrity and friendship I witness from the staff on a daily basis. They all make me proud to lead this wonderful group of employees.

During the past few months, I have had the ability to observe operations throughout the organization. Overall, we operate very efficiently on a very lean staff which is a credit to their work ethic. In retrospect, I felt there are some areas that needed to be enhanced allowing us a greater ability to move forward and continue to deliver the exceptional service we do on a daily basis.

Therefore, in an effort to assist the organization accomplish its goals I made the following personnel promotions in the organization, which became effective Sunday, February 1, 2015: Sharon Dangles was promoted to the new position of Assistant Village Manager/Finance Director, Jim Fox was promoted to the new position of Information Technology Director, and Kathy Vonachen was promoted to the new position of Administrative Payroll Coordinator/Deputy Clerk. All these individuals display an excellent work ethic, are great role models and have a great rapport with the employees.

Additionally, I believe it is important to plan for those unforeseen circumstances that may arise at any moment. In my assessment our biggest and most concerning vulnerability in the organization, is in the area of Finance. There was no succession plan in our Finance Department. The Village would be severely limited in our operations if we were to lose our Finance Director. In recognition of that, I used the funding budgeted for the Assistant Village Manager and hired an Assistant Finance Director instead. The combination of the Assistant Village Manager and Finance Director positions will result in a savings in the area of \$56,000 and could possibly exceed \$71,000. The selection process is in progress and we hope to have the position filled by April 1st.

During this past year, Cathy Doczekalski has served as the Interim Assistant Village Manager and did a great job. I want to personally thank Cathy for all her work as her time with us came to an end on Friday, January 30th. Cathy came into the organization under a difficult transition period and had to fill a large void. She did so with incredible professionalism and character. I wish her nothing but the best in her future endeavors.

Finally, as we come out of the winter season, I want to personally thank our Public Works Department for all their hard work during the blizzard and the frigid temperatures. They worked long hours and kept our streets open and safe for our residents and visitors alike.

GOVERNOR RAUNER'S PROPOSED REDUCTION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUNDS

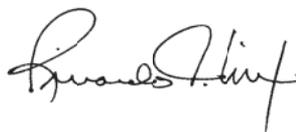
As you know, Governor Bruce Rauner delivered his first budget address on February 18th. In the days leading up to the speech it became clear that local government revenues would be included in the significant cuts he was going to propose. The Governor's Budget Address confirmed this to be true. The Governor proposes to help fund the State's budget problem with funding previously given to local governments. Additionally, the Governor appeared to exclude public safety personnel from future pension reform efforts pursued by the Administration.

The local share of income tax has been an important revenue stream for all municipalities since it was first instituted in Illinois in 1969. Local communities have counted on it for 45 years to help fund key public services like police and fire. The Governor's proposed 50 percent reduction could lead to more layoffs, additional delays and cancellations of more capital projects, and increased taxes and user fees. Oak Brook and other municipalities across Illinois are still feeling the effects of the 2009 recession. We have acted in a fiscally responsible manner during the economic downturn and have reduced personnel, cut services and controlled our spending to balance our budgets over the last several years.

The Village is working closely with the DuPage Mayor's and Manager's Caucus, the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus and the Illinois Municipal League to strategize the best options in preserving our funding share. We are willing and eager to work with the legislative leadership and the Governor to find a solution.

Village staff is proactively taking steps to reduce expenditures if the 50 percent reduction becomes law.

Oak Brook would stand to lose approximately \$390,208 in funding going forward annually. We realize this is going to be a long process and expect the negotiations to last through the entire Spring legislative session.



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BY JAMES KRUGER

IN THE NEWS

The law enforcement community has been faced with several challenges over the past year. They include grand jury decisions that some segments of the population did not agree with, the question of race relations with law enforcement, and the very foundation of what the community expects from its police department. There has been much dialogue at the national level centered on what those expectations are and how the law enforcement community should adapt.

One of the main concerns that surfaced through this national dialogue has been the relationship the police department has with its citizens. Is there a collaborative environment between the police and the public and is the police department responsive to the needs of the community? Other areas of discussion have centered on the concepts of police legitimacy and procedural justice.

Police Legitimacy reflects the belief that the police ought to be allowed to exercise their authority to maintain social order, manage conflicts and solve problems in their communities. Legitimacy is reflected in three judgments. The first is public trust and confidence in the police. Such confidence involves the belief that the police are honest, that they try to do their jobs well, and that they are trying to protect the community against crime and violence. Second, legitimacy reflects the willingness of residents to defer to the law and to police authority, i.e. their sense of obligation and responsibility to accept police authority. Finally, legitimacy involves the belief that police actions are morally justified and appropriate to the circumstances.

Procedural justice can be viewed as a means to attaining legitimacy. First, people want to have an opportunity to explain their situation or tell their side of the story to a police officer. Second, people react to evidence that the authorities with whom they are dealing are neutral. Third, people are sensitive to whether they are treated with dignity and politeness, and to whether their rights are respected.



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Finally, people focus on cues that communicate information about the intentions and character of the legal authorities with whom they are dealing (their “trustworthiness”). People react favorably when they believe that the authorities with whom they are interacting are benevolent and caring, and are sincerely trying to do what is best for the people with whom they are dealing.

Over the past three years the Oak Brook Police Department has embarked on a very robust program of community collaboration and communication. We have sponsored two Citizen Police Academies per year, began the Coffee with a Cop Program in 2014, opened up communication channels with our HALO Program the last three years, and now have enhanced our social media presence with a Facebook and Twitter page to ensure we are reaching every generation that we serve. While this is a work in progress, I am very proud of our staff and the strides we have made in instilling public trust. I hope that you feel the same way. However this is a work in progress that is always in need of continuous improvement.

I want to thank many of you who sent notes of well wishes to us and thanking us for our service over these many months. While the media was jumping on the police bashing bandwagon, it meant a lot to our officers and staff that their call to duty was not unnoticed. We know that the national dialogue will continue and we assure you that we will continue to meet the needs of our community and live up to our mission and values.



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BY BARRY LISS

PUT FIRE SAFETY FIRST THIS SPRING!

This year while doing your spring cleaning, make it a priority to also conduct a spring fire safety check of your home to ensure that you and your home are as safe as possible. These are some of the common hazards found throughout a home.

Electrical Wiring & Outlets

Overloaded circuits and extension cords pose a real fire threat. Misusing electrical cords (such as running them under rugs, or putting them in high traffic areas) or overuse of power strips can result in electrical fires, which account for thousands of fires each year. Replace frayed wires or cords immediately. If you see overloaded wall sockets, remove some of the items and find a new outlet for them. Remove any cords running under carpeting or rugs. Do a quick check of all rooms in your home to make sure no cords are trapped against walls (where heat can build up.)

Electrical Appliances

The common most electrical appliances that cause electrical fires in homes are electrical stoves, ovens, dryers, heating units, stereos and televisions. Always unplug electrical appliances when not in use for extended periods of time. Confirm that no flammable materials are within three feet of an electrical heater. Pay particular attention to stored items in basements and attics by making sure they are far away from heaters. Make sure all electrical appliances, including but not limited to coffee pots, microwaves, toasters, etc. are plugged directly into a wall outlet and unplugged after each use.

Kids and Matches/Lighters

Children playing with matches or lighters are responsible for more than 35,000 fires annually in the United States. You may learn of your children's curiosity with fire while you're spring cleaning. Look under all beds, and in "secret places" such as closets or basements, where your children may leave evidence that they have played with matches or lighters. Lock up all lighters or matches and reiterate to your children that fire is absolutely not a toy.

Add Smoke Alarm Maintenance to your Spring Cleaning List

Smoke alarms are very easy to care for. Smoke alarms save thousands of lives each year. The likelihood that they will save your life greatly increases when you: Install smoke alarms on every floor of your home, including the basement and/or attic.



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Install smoke alarms both inside your sleeping area, and outside of it. Install the smoke alarm 6-8" from the ceiling on side walls, to allow for earliest possible smoke detection. Smoke alarms require only two minor scheduled tasks: Replace the batteries and keep them clean. Just as you dust your bookshelves, make sure that your smoke alarm is free from dust and debris, as it may interfere with proper functioning. A quick vacuum around the smoke alarm regularly will do the trick.

Move to the Right for Sirens and Lights!

Below are simple rules to follow when you are on the road and encounter an emergency vehicle:

DO:

- Drive at once to the right side of the road and stop until the emergency vehicle has passed as traffic in the right lane allows.
- Be careful when driving by or around a motor vehicle accident or any situation where emergency vehicles are parked and firefighters are working.
- Drivers should stay at least 500 feet behind emergency vehicles.

DON'T:

- Don't stop in the middle lane when there is room to pull to the right.
- Don't pull to the left in the center lane or left turn lane.
- Don't race ahead to make the green light or turn before the emergency vehicle gets there.

Emergency Warning Siren



The Village of Oak Brook triggers an Emergency Warning Siren or outdoor warning siren when dangerous weather conditions are favorable to tornadoes and/or one has been spotted in the surrounding towns. Emergency Warning Sirens are also used when severe conditions from storms are causing damage to property in Oak Brook. These sirens are loud enough to be heard by those who are outdoors, warning them to seek shelter immediately. Sirens are tested on the first Tuesday of the month anytime between 10:00-10:30 AM.

Do not try and outrun a tornado. Although many movies show storm chasers doing this, a tornado can change directions and the winds will increase as more debris is gathered inside the center of the funnel. Do not take the time to open windows. This does not accomplish anything and does not affect the tornado or its momentum. Staying under an overpass might keep you away from debris, however an overpass creates a tunnel effect and tornadoes have pulled cars out and carried them away.

When the siren goes off, immediately get you and your family to safety. The basement of a strong, secure building or your home is the safest place to be. Interior parts of the home, away from windows, are a secondary option.

BY MICHAEL HULLIHAN

SPRING 2015

As the weather warms Public Works and Engineering are gearing up for an active construction season. Road improvements include repaving Commerce Drive along with installation of a sidewalk. Golf Drive, and 35th Street will also be resurfaced. We will also be continuing pedestrian access projects around the Oakbrook Center. We will be installing a new crosswalk across 22nd Street in the vicinity of the Marriott and Regency Towers. Our water system will also receive some attention. The water main replacement for York Woods will be completed and the designs for Brook Forest water main replacement will be prepared.

Public Works crews will be busy with drainage issues, street signs, pavement markings, as well as a good amount of forestry work. As Ash trees are lost to the Emerald Ash Borer, we will be replacing them with a variety of trees. The objective is to increase the species diversity and reduce the risk of future tree blights.



SPRING HOUSEKEEPING REMINDERS

With the weather warming (finally) it is time to take care of some simple, yet important, housekeeping issues. With the large accumulations of snow and ice over the winter many drainage features have been affected. Homeowners should do a "walk around" inspection of yards. Make sure that drainage pathways taking water away from the house



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foundation are clear of debris and pitched away from the house. During Spring gardening keep in mind the drainage and avoid trapping water against the house foundation with soil or mulch. Gutters, downspouts, and area drains have a tendency to collect debris over the Winter. Now is a great time to insure that all these drainage features are clog-free and running freely. This Winter snow and ice build-ups on roofs were quite common. It is worth the time and effort to inspect the underside of roofs from your attic or crawl space. Pay particular attention to the section closest to the eaves (bottom section). Water staining is an indication that ice shielding under shingles needs repair/replacement. This is also an excellent time to have fireplaces, chimneys, and flues cleaned to prevent fire hazards. In the course of all these inspections you may notice items which are good candidates for recycling.

Public Works did a great deal of snow removal over the Winter, but unfortunately, some parkway areas were plowed along with the snow and ice. We will be restoring these areas as soon as weather permits. Similarly, some mailboxes were damaged during the snow events. We will also be repairing these as weather permits. Should you choose to repair the mailboxes, please keep in mind clearance from the road. Placing the front of the box 12" behind the curb face/ edge of pavement will minimize the chances of damages in the future. Should you have any questions about these maintenance subjects or others, please feel free to give us a call at 630-368-5270.

BY ROBERT KALLIEN

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

• Oakbrook Center – There are many improvements/projects underway at Oakbrook Center.

- The first two glass pavilions and the 500+ sq.ft. digital video screen have been completed. The digital video screen is currently in use and one of the glass pavilions is now home to Argo Tea. The second glass building is home to Avastars.
- Porsche has completed its \$250,000 interior alteration project.
- The Coach store has completed its \$400,000 interior renovation project.
- Athleta has completed its \$500,000+ interior alteration project.
- The Blackhawks Store now occupies the space at 703 Oakbrook Center. The only other such store exists on Michigan Avenue.
- Brooks Brothers store has completed its \$562,000 renovation project.
- Z Gallerie has completed its \$418,000 interior alteration project.
- Zara clothing store completed its \$500,000 interior alteration project.
- Tory Burch completed its \$174,000 completed interior alteration project.

- Neiman Marcus continues with its \$3.7 million renovation project.
- The Gap has submitted plans for a \$700,000 renovation project.
- The plans to construct a new building to house 12 new movie theaters, multiple restaurants and structured parking for approximately 475 cars has been approved by the Village Board. Completion of this project is expected to take place in 2017. In addition, General Growth Properties is working to open the four (4) old theaters that have been vacant for some time.
- **The Labriola Pizza Bar is under review for a portion of the former Grotto restaurant space in the Oak Brook Promenade.**
- **Latisys Data Center located on Swift Drive continues with its \$10 million renovation project.**
- **The new 4,700 sq.ft. Real Urban Barbecue restaurant opened to the public during the week of November 17th.**
- **Duchossois Redevelopment Project** – Planning is in final stages for the much anticipated redevelopment of the Follett/DeAmertek sites located at 1818 Swift Road and 300-306 Windsor Road in order to construct a new 225,000+ sq.ft. corporate facility for the Duchossois Group. Demolition of the existing buildings is underway. Building permits for the new building should be submitted in April 2015 with construction being completed by the end of 2016.

Some historical data that may be of interest ... Economic Development – Oak Brook – 2008 to Present Permit Summary:

Year	# Permits	New Homes	House Demo's	New Comm. Buildings	Comm. Build-outs	Value of New Construction	Fees Collected
2008	742	10	10	6	454	\$64,459,313	\$850,641
2009	606	13	9	3	312	\$51,776,407	\$782,452
2010	696	8	10	0	375	\$51,559,533	\$824,792
2011	705	6	9	0	331	\$58,775,804	\$905,041
2012	770	12	10	4	409	\$76,987,646	\$1,203,223
2013	811	19	18	1	390	\$131,935,998	\$1,756,525
2014	837	20	13	2	391	\$110,922,495	\$1,481,479



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BY TREY VANDYKE



SPORTS CORE ACTIVITIES

“Top Sports Coaches will be returning this spring.”

Spring is coming. And we are wishing for a very slow melt of all this snow. When the grass reappears we will begin the Sports Core outdoor activities. In the meantime, our staff is busy developing plans for summer fun. We are happy to announce that all of our top sports coaches will be returning: Cindy Jones, Head Swim Coach, Greg Spencer, Head Tennis Professional, and PGA instructors Claudine Boettger, Ian Grant, Jeff Kawucha, Dan Kochevar, and Gary Pinns.

We hope you will be pleased to see the many improvements the staff has been working on over the winter months: new drainage and pumping capacity added to the 9th hole and driving range, a handicap accessible lift added to the main pool, painting of the main pool, additional shade features for the pool deck, and new benches for the tennis courts.



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UPCOMING CALENDAR

Golf Club Driving Range Opens

Expected Date Wednesday, April 1

Golf Course Opening Day

Expected Date Wednesday, April 1

Bath and Tennis Club Courts Open

Expected Date Saturday, April 18

Giant Golf Demo Day

Expected Date Wednesday, May 6

Bath & Tennis Club Discount Deadline

Expected Date Friday, May 8

Bath & Tennis Club Pool Opens

Expected Date Saturday, May 23

Taste of Oak Brook

Friday, July 3

2015 Oak Brook Polo Season

July 12- August 23

BY SUE MADORIN

SPRING CALENDAR

Sunday, April 12 at 2:00 pm
Robbie Malkowski Presents: Robbie Sings the Greatest Hits - Richard Rodgers

Richard Rodgers was an American composer of 43 musicals and 900 songs in partnership with Lorenz Hart and Oscar Hammerstein. Rodgers worked with Hart from 1925 till his death in 1943 and then built the greatest partnership in musical history with Oscar Hammerstein II. Songs from "Pal Joey", "The Boys from Syracuse", "Oklahoma", "King and I", "State Fair", and "South Pacific" will be performed. Join us in celebrating these songs and the stories.

Sunday, April 19 at 2:00 pm
American Diamond: Baseball, Pop Culture and Our National Myths

Baseball is the National Pastime, not only on the field, but in all forms of entertainment. Join James Finn Garner as he explores the historic and literary reasons that drive this American phenomenon and how the internet continues the tradition today.

Saturday, May 23 at 2:00 pm
The Men of Omaha Beach

Robert Mueller paints the picture of Omaha Beach and provides insight into the how and where the invasion took place. He focuses upon the men responsible for the success of that risky endeavor. The ongoing interest in these stories and locations is demonstrated by the over one million people each year who visit the Normandy American Cemetery – situated directly along the deadliest of combat sectors, Easy Red Beach.

Thursday, May 28 at 7:00 pm
Shirlee Todd Presents: Greatest American Composers

Through song and narration, Shirlee Todd presents the lives of Irving Berlin, George Gershwin, and other American greats. Join Shirlee as she explores the composers' lives and their impact on music.

Saturday, May 16 at 2:00 pm
Those Were the Days: Radio Players West with Phil Tomzik

Re-live or experience for the first time, the laughter, mystery, intrigue, and dramatic endings from the great writings of the Golden Age of Radio! Enjoy drama and comedy programs based on original scripts from the 1930s to 1950s, with sound effects and original music.

Saturday, June 6 at 2:00 pm
Anthony Abbatacola

Join Vocalist Anthony Abbatacola and accompanist Todd Scott as they perform a mix of Big Band, Jazz and Traditional Pop Standards. Anthony has performed in nightclubs around the area and his music has been featured on WDCB's 90.9fm.



LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE APRIL 2015

Oak Brook Public Library joins supporters nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, a time to highlight the value of libraries. From April 12-18, 2015, libraries are promoting the theme of "Unlimited Possibilities at Your Library." Every day your library presents countless opportunities to learn, grow, and achieve dreams. We provide a place to create and share resources. Our staff is here to provide guidance and help our users expand their minds. We do all this in an atmosphere where our patrons can relax, play, discuss, connect, engage, learn, and research. We encourage everyone to ask what our library can offer you.

We start off National Library Week with Robbie Malkowski singing Richard Rogers greatest hits. On Thursday this week, the Friends Annual Used Book Sale commences. The following Sunday, April 19, James Finn Garner will explore baseball and popular culture.

On Sunday, May 3, the Friends' Evergreen Concert will feature the Shindig! Other May programs will be on the men of Omaha Beach, great American composers and the golden age of radio. Of course, this is only a small sampling of what the library offers.



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BY SHARON DANGLES

FINANCE REPORT

2015 Budget Approved



The Village is very conservative when issuing any type of debt. When possible, the Village tries to save money for large purchases rather than issuing debt. General obligation bonds have been issued only once in the history of the Village. Bonds were authorized and issued in 1977 for the acquisition and improvement of the Oak Brook Sports Core. The final payment on those bonds was made in 1994.

The 2015 Municipal Budget was approved by the Village Board on December 9, 2014. The 2015 Budget is a fiscally responsible financial plan that will enable the Village to continue to provide the community with high quality municipal services and special events that enhance the quality of life of all residents and meet the needs of the business community.

The Village's General Corporate cash reserve balance deserves some special mention as it continues to be an important aspect in the Village's position of fiscal strength. The financial policy of the Village is to maintain a cash balance reserve of at least six months of operating expenditures in the General Corporate Fund. The projected ending cash balance for 2015 in the General Corporate Fund of \$11,637,944 is equal to 6.9 months of operating expenses, which is \$1.5 million above the six month operating reserve requirement.

2015 budgeted revenues are \$48 million, including \$22.6 million in the General Fund, which is where many of the Village's day-to-day operations are funded. Sales taxes for the General Fund account for more than half of the General Fund revenues. They are projected to be \$12.4 million or 3% higher than last year. The Village collected over \$12 million in general sales tax for 2014, which was the highest received in history dating back to the 1990's. Total Expenditures for 2015 are \$53.1 million. This is 10.7% higher than last year due to more capital projects as compared to last year. These capital improvements are paid through reserves (savings) over the years to pay for these items. Major capital improvements for 2015 are:

- Improvements to 22nd St. (Salt Creek – I294) for \$2.5 million, which is offset by a grant for \$849,800.
- Annual paving program, \$5.1 million.
- Water main replacements, water meter replacements, and system improvements for \$1.6 million.

With vision and direction provided by the Village Board, and with the valuable work of each of the Village Departments, Oak Brook will further its brand as a vibrant community comprised of people and businesses who seek the appeal of a natural setting with open fields and an upscale town with the best restaurants and shopping around.

The 2015 approved Budget and Five Year Plan are available on the Village's website. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

E-Billing

The Village of Oak Brook is pleased to announce that water customers can sign up to receive their water bill electronically by email. The electronic bill generated looks just like the bill a customer would receive in the mail. Customers will receive their bill one to two days earlier since the bill does not have to be forwarded and processed for mailing. Delinquent Notices will still be processed, printed and mailed. If you would like to participate in this program, please email waterbilling@oak-brook.org and include the following information:

- Service Address
- Water Account Number
- Telephone Number
- Email Address

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GIS AND THE VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK

Since 2008, the Village of Oak Brook has been a member of the GIS Consortium, a collection of 29 local government communities that works collectively to achieve the benefits of a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program. Through collaboration and cost sharing the community is able to create value by identifying opportunities while minimizing cost and risk through shared services and staffing. To provide residents with increased information transparency, the Village of Oak Brook's GIS staff updates and maintains two powerful village information tools, MapOffice™ and Community Portal. Both applications are available on-line through the Village website.

MapOffice™ was introduced to the Village in 2008 and can be easily accessed by selecting the "Maps" option on the home page of the village website and then selecting "Click here for GIS consortium MapOffice". Through MapOffice™, residents can explore the community through a map environment, accessing information like zoning, property boundaries parcel, and even regional information. One of the most popular tasks used by residents is the Parcel Summary tool, which aggregates information from county property records, village services, and various regional sources into a consolidated list of information related to a specific property. The data that is accessed through this tool is maintained by the Village's GIS staff in conjunction with DuPage County and other related organizations.

2014 marked the arrival of a new application, called Community Portal; this new tool allows the retrieval of content specific to an individual address location. In contrast to MapOffice™, which is heavily map focused, these information pages are presented in an easily digestible, text based display. While a map is good for referencing where a property is located in the village, Community Portal focuses more on the information related to that property, making it a nice complementary tool to the existing MapOffice™ application. This tool can also be found by selecting the "Maps" option on the home page of the village website and then providing a

Village of Oak Brook address in the "Property Address" box.

As the use of these tools expands, the Village of Oak Brook continues to look for new opportunities to meet the needs of the community and to provide additional data that would be of use to residents. For more information about this product, please look for the Village of Oak Brook booth at the 2015 Taste of Oak Brook, where demonstrations of both of these tools will be provided throughout the day.



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Warm Weather Encourages Door-to-door Solicitors

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

Non-Commercial Solicitors must register with the Village for the purpose of identification. Federal litigation has specified that religious organizations and political parties are exempt from any Village requirements of licensing or registration. Many religious organizations do cooperate and at least provide us with information and are willing to wear our badges. The Village does not regulate solicitors distributing handbills as long as they do not participate in personal contact with residents unless the resident pursues contact. Further information can be found at our Village of Oak Brook website at www.oak-brook.org or you can contact the Village Clerk's office at 630-368-5052.



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

ELECTION INFORMATION



There will be a Consolidated Election on April 7, 2015. If you have recently moved, be sure to Register to Vote. Voter registration occurs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Butler Government Center. The last day to register to vote or to transfer registration for the April 7, 2015 election at the Village Hall was **March 10, 2015**. Residents may now register to vote or transfer their registration and vote at the same time at DuPage

County or Cook County Election Offices. The final registration deadline is April 4, 2015.

Early Voting will begin Monday, March 23, 2015 thru Saturday, April 4, 2015. Early Voting sites and information is posted on the Village of Oak Brook website www.oak-brook.org or you may go the DuPage County Election Commission site www.dupageelections.com or Cook County Election Commission www.cookctyclerk.com to confirm the location where you should vote.

This year the Village is pleased to announce the following employees who have reached anniversary milestones in 2014.



- **Diane Ross** – 25 years – Public Works
- **Thomas Russell** – 25 years – Police Department
- **Norman Nemec** – 25 years – Police Department
- **Mark King** – 20 years – Police Department
- **Susan Madorin** – 20 years – Library
- **Claudine Boettger** – 20 years - Sports Core
- **Michael Pavlovic** – 15 years – Fire Department
- **Rosemarie Douglas** – 15 years – Fire Department
- **David Corkey** – 15 years – Fire Department
- **Robin Crook** – 15 years – Police Department
- **Robert Kallien** – 15 years – Community Development
- **Marc Johnson** – 10 years – Fire Department
- **Garrett Church** – 10 years - Police Department
- **Marcelino Garcia** – 10 years – Public Works

We are fortunate to have such dedicated and knowledgeable people who have been involved with the Village for many years. Thank you for your service!



OAK BROOK POLO

Experience the Exhilaration. Be a part of the history.

HAT DAY - Sunday, July 12th

Wear your favorite hat to Oak Brook Polo

CLASSIC CAR DAY - Sunday, July 19th

A stable of cars from yesteryear and today

FAMILY DAY - Sunday, July 26th

With Ronald McDonald House of Charities of Chicagoland and Northwest Indiana

INTERNATIONAL POLO DAY - Sunday, August 9th

Invited guests, from Argentina, India, with Argentine dancers and special menu

CELEBRITY CLASSIC DAY - Sunday, August 16th

Hollywood stars return to Oak Brook Polo for celebrity matches

BRITISH DAY - Sunday, August 23rd

The Union Jack and plenty of red, white and blue. Plus the famous PIMM'S Drink

Ticket Pricing

General Admission (Oak Brook residents) \$15
 Non Resident General Admission \$25
 Grandstand seating provided
 No chairs, blankets, or coolers permitted
 Food and Beverages available

VIP Admission \$65
 Allows access to the VIP tent and seating
 Food and Beverages available
 Children 12 and under are FREE
 Tickets available online at
www.OakBrookPoloClub.com
 or at these Oak Brook locations

Oak Brook Golf Clubhouse: 2606 York Rd.

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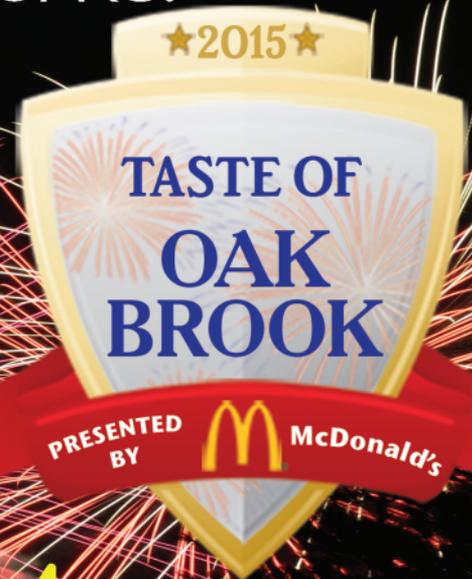
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Taste of OAK BROOK

Join us for Food & Fireworks!



Friday, July 3, 2015
From 4:00 – 9:00 PM
Fireworks Display at Dusk
Oak Brook Sports Core Grounds