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VILLAGE HALL/ADMINISTRATION OFFICES HOLIDAY HOURS

Closed – Thursday, November 26th

Closed – Friday, November 27th

Closed – Thursday, December 24th

Closed – Friday, December 25th

Open 8 a.m. – Noon, Thursday, December 31st

Closed Noon – 5 p.m., Thursday, December 31st

Closed – Friday, January 1st

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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

Questions or comments? Contact us.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope you were able to participate in some of the great activities that took place throughout Oak Brook over the past few months! We had a busy Summer and Fall with great community events such as the Taste of Oak Brook, six Polo matches, a successful Half Marathon, a 9/11 remembrance ceremony, and a well-attended American Heart Association Walk.

Speaking of events, we have some great holiday events taking place right here in Oak Brook! The Christkindlmarket is back at Oakbrook Center offering a similar experience to that of downtown Chicago. Gifts are available to purchase as well as traditional Christkindlmarket food and beverages. Oak Brook is also very lucky to have the Dream Works Animation's Adventure to Santa House return to Oakbrook Center this year. This interactive journey is only one of a few in the country this season!

As you read this, the Village Board is undertaking one of its most important tasks, which is reviewing and approving the 2016 Budget. The Board held two budget workshops on November 9th and 17th on the 2016 budget and discussed the major issues facing Oak Brook as we move into a new fiscal year. The proposed 2016 Budget includes major capital improvements and roadway improvements. The Village Board remains committed to responsible and conservative spending, while still strongly investing in our

community. Based on the proposed budget, the Village will still maintain almost seven months of operating expense reserves. On December 8th, the Village Board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the budget and hopefully, we'll approve it that night. The proposed 2016 budget can be found on the Village's website, www.oak-brook.org under the Finance Department's financial documents.

Finally, please know that the Village Trustees, our staff, and I are available to you at all times. We are here to serve you. Feel free to call, email or see me if you have any feedback, ideas or concerns.

Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gopal G. Lalimalani".

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear Friends and Residents,

It has been a very busy and exciting first year for me as Village Manager. I have had the pleasure of working with an incredible staff, supportive Village Board, an engaged business community and all the wonderful residents I have come to meet.

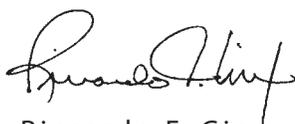
As you may know, we are in the process of conducting a search for a new Public Works Director and hope to have a decision soon. Doug Patchin, one of our longest serving Public Works employees, has been filling the role of Interim Director and has done an excellent job. I appreciate all the assistance he has given the entire staff allowing our projects to continue in a seamless manner.

The State has been operating without a budget since July 1st. We have been working with our municipal partners, the DuPage Mayor's and Manager's Conference and the Illinois Municipal League, to make sure our influence and concerns resonate with the legislature. Most importantly, with the assistance of these two organizations, we are actively working to gain the release of funds being withheld by the State of Illinois during this lengthy budget impasse. The Village has not received any Motor Fuel Tax distributions since July of this year. As the Village typically receives approximately \$235,000 annually, we stand to lose over \$117,500 in revenue.

The General Assembly, the Governor and the legislative leaders convened this month and are scheduled to continue their discussions through December. While we are hopeful any budget issues could be resolved prior to the end of this year, it is doubtful if anything significant will happen until January 2016. Unfortunately, this means the State of Illinois will move into 2016 without a budget. This will leave all the municipalities within the state in the dark as to if and when revenues may be released and what revenues may be taken away. Accordingly, we have made very conservative state revenue projects in our 2016 operating budget for the Village.

Finally, we are coming into our snow season. Our Public Works staff is already preparing for the snow season and has begun preparing our fleet for road clearing and salting operations.

I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to our continued success in 2016.



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VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT

SAFETY CHECK LIST FOR THE WINTER SEASON

- Have your furnace inspected and serviced by a qualified professional.
- Ensure chimneys and vents have been inspected and cleaned by a qualified professional. Not cleaning and properly maintaining a chimney is the leading cause of chimney fires.
- Make sure the wood used for the fireplace is dry and appropriately seasoned for burning.
- Fireplaces must have proper and adequate protective screening. Ensure it is in good condition and secured in its position in front of the fireplace.
- Have a covered exterior metal container available and ready to use for proper disposal of cooled fireplace ashes and residue. Containers should be kept at least 10 feet away from the home and any nearby structures.
- Children should be taught and reminded to stay at least 3 feet away from fireplaces, stoves, and ancillary heaters.
- Check to ensure any portable space heater has an automatic shut-off. If not, consider replacing it.
- Portable space heaters must be plugged directly into an outlet, not an extension cord, and placed at least 3 feet away from any combustible materials.
- Working smoke detectors are required by law and must be installed within 15' of every room used for sleeping purposes. Check and verify that all smoke detectors are present, tested and in good working order.
- Working carbon monoxide detectors are also required by law and must be installed within 15' of every room used for sleeping purposes. Check and verify that all carbon monoxide detectors are present, tested and found in good working order.

BY JAMES KRUGER

Illinois General Assembly passed Public Act 99-0352

During the Spring legislative session, the Illinois General Assembly passed Public Act 99-0352, the Police and Community Improvement Act. While this new law has been widely reported as the “body camera bill” that is only a small portion of the entire bill. The General Assembly passed this far reaching legislation in response to the numerous events that have occurred over the last fifteen months across the country between law enforcement and minority communities. While this new law mandated many reforms to law enforcement, the Oak Brook Police Department as a nationally accredited agency, has been doing many of the things this new law requires to insure we are providing the very best services to the community long before its passage. As you can see in our annual reports, the Professional Standards section details any citizen complaints and their outcomes, as well as our promise to hold ourselves to a higher standard of professional conduct.

There are other new requirements of the bill that will go in effect January 1, 2016. Police Departments across the state will now report any uses of force that result in death or great bodily harm. Those cases that result in an in custody death are also now required to be investigated by an outside agency, which our policy has always been to do so. This bill also prohibits chokeholds or any contact with the neck that would inhibit a person’s airway. Police officers will also be required to document all street stops and issue receipts to those persons where the stop results in a frisk.

The new law also creates the Commission on Police Professionalism that will review training and certification of police officers, the duties of various types of police officers, the standards of issuance of badges and credentials, and the issue of police licensure. It will also require all police officers to have required in service training on the topics of constitutional and proper use of law enforcement authority, procedural justice (which I introduced in the Spring 2015 newsletter), civil rights, human rights, and cultural competency.

While there is much to consider in this new law, I as well as my fellow police chiefs across the state are viewing it as an opportunity to strengthen our profession even greater by holding all of us to a higher standard. We are also using this time as an opportunity to open up new relationships with segments of the community that may not have occurred in the past. Should you have any questions about the new

law or the Oak Brook Police Departments commitment to excellence, please contact me any time.

As we say goodbye to Fall, the clocks have been turned back and night time has rapidly begun at 5:00 PM. It is vitally important that motorists take extra care driving in our community in the early evening when school aged children and other pedestrians may be still be out. Pedestrians should also remember that they should walk against traffic, as close to the curb or roadway edge as possible, and single file as a vehicle approaches. Please drive safely.

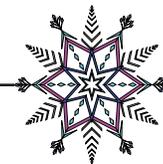
As the holiday shopping season is upon us, please remember the following safety tips from the National Crime Prevention Council:

- Do not buy more than you can carry. Plan ahead by taking a friend with you or ask a store employee to help you carry your packages to the car.
- Save all receipts. Start a file folder to keep all receipts together and to help you verify credit card or bank statements as they come in.
- Wait until asked before taking out your credit card or checkbook. An enterprising thief would love to shoulder surf to get your account information.
- Tell a security guard or store employee if you see an unattended bag or package.
- Deter pickpockets. Carry your purse close to your body or your wallet inside a coat or front trouser pocket.
- Have your keys in hand when approaching your vehicle. Check the back seat and around the car before getting in.
- Do not leave packages visible in your car windows. Lock them in the trunk or, if possible, take them directly home.

Should you see anything suspicious or out of place, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. You can also send us an email at crimetips@oak-brook.org for information that does not require an immediate response. Thank you for helping us keep Oak Brook a safe community.

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BY BARRY LISS

HOLIDAY TREE SAFETY TIPS



The holiday season is a time for fun and celebration. With the fresh fragrance of pine in the air and the glow of beautiful ornaments and multi-colored lights, holiday trees carry the spirit of the season. However, tree fires will spoil the holiday cheer. The devastation that a tree fire produces not only results in property damage, but also causes injury and even death to occupants. Natural trees have the added potential of causing fire. If you are considering buying a real tree, think again!

Visit www.usfa.fema.gov/prevention/outreach/holiday.html to see an actual tree fire.

The following are special fire safety precautions to follow for a safer holiday season.

• When purchasing a natural tree, choose a fresh one.



A fresh tree will stay green longer and be less of a fire hazard than a dry tree. Check the freshness of a tree by color, scent, as well as the number of needles that fall from the branches. A fresh tree is deep green in color and has a strong scent of pine. When tapping the trunk on the ground, no more than a few needles should fall off.

• Choose a safe location to place your tree.

This should be away from fireplaces, radiators, or other heat sources. Be sure that it is out of the traffic pattern and does not block doorways. Before mounting, cut off about 2-inches from the trunk. Then mount the tree in a sturdy, water-holding stand with widespread legs. Be sure the tree is stable. Keep the stand full of water while the tree is indoors. Moreover, remember that heated rooms dry out trees rapidly. A dry tree is a fire hazard.

• Artificial trees should bear the UL label.

UL stands for Underwriters Laboratories or your tree should have a label reading, "fire-retardant." Some unlabeled artificial trees will burn at a much more rapid rate.

• Check your lights.

Discard lights with broken or cracked sockets, frayed or bare wires, and loose connections. Decorate with lights that are for indoor use and are UL approved. Generally, use no more than three sets of lights per single extension. Follow the manufacturer's instructions carefully and do not use more than the number of recommended lights in one circuit. Keep children and pets away from electrical decorations. All lights present the potential of hazards for curious kids and pets. Always turn off lights on trees when leaving home or going to bed.



For information on Holiday Fire Prevention feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at (630) 368-5220.

Space Heaters and Ancillary Heating Equipment

This winter, if you must have an additional heat source in your home, please make sure you take the following safety reminders into consideration:

- Keep anything that can burn at least three-feet away from a portable space heater or other heating equipment, like the furnace, hot water heater, fireplace, or stove.
- Have a three-foot "Kid-free zone" around open fires and space heaters. Ensure that pets won't have access to be able to knock a space heater over.

- Never dry your clothes on a space heater.
- Never use your oven to heat your home.
- Have your furnace and chimneys cleaned and inspected annually by a qualified professional.
- Remember to turn space heaters off when leaving the room, your home, or going to bed.
- Make sure the fireplace has a sturdy screen to stop sparks and embers from flying into the room. Ashes should be cool before placing them in a metal container. Keep the container a safe distance outside away from your home.
- Test smoke alarms monthly.
- Install and maintain Carbon Monoxide detectors to avoid the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning. If you smell gas in your gas heater, do not light the appliance. Leave the home immediately and call the fire department.

Half of home heating fires are reported during the months of December, January, and February.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) offers important information on a variety of fire and life safety topics. For more information regarding these and other safety tips, please visit www.nfpa.org/education



ADOPT-A-HYDRANT

In the event of a fire emergency during the winter, could firefighters find the hydrant(s) near your home or business?

The Village of Oak Brook Fire Department encourages residents to "adopt a fire hydrant" near their home or business and keep snow shoveled away from them during the winter season.

Please make it a point to uncover your fire hydrant(s) after every snowfall. Clear a path approximately 3 feet around the hydrant. These actions will allow the fire department to quickly locate the fire hydrant, obtain a water supply for firefighting activities, and give the fire department room to work with this hydrant should the need arise.

Please consider helping a neighbor who is elderly or has a medical condition by shoveling out a hydrant in front of their home. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.

Water is the principle agent used by the Fire Department to control and extinguish fires. Delays in locating and hooking-up to a fire hydrant can seriously hamper a fire suppression operation, raising the risk of injury and possibly resulting in additional property damage.

The "Adopt a Hydrant" program is an informal program: therefore it is not necessary to advise the Fire Department about which hydrants you will be keeping clear of snow.

On behalf of the entire Department, thank you for keeping the Village of Oak Brook's fire hydrants clear of snow and keeping our community safe!

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BY DOUG PATCHIN

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Winter is upon us and gives us all an opportunity to enjoy the great indoors. There are a few things we should look at to insure that there are no unwanted surprises in the Spring. Gutters and downspouts should be inspected to insure that periods of snow melt don't cause ice-damming along gutter lines. Similarly, area drains and sump discharges should be cleared. Now is a good time to make sure furnaces, including filters, are serviced. Chimneys of active fireplaces should also be inspected. The biggest concern for Public Works will be snow and ice control, here are some notes on how we go about it:

SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

The goal of the Village's Snow & Ice Control program is to mitigate vehicular and pedestrian hazards caused by the accumulation of snow and ice on all Village maintained streets and parking facilities owned by the Village.

To assist in achieving this goal, the Village is divided into five (5) separate routes. These routes were created due to geography location, lane miles of pavement, and specialized equipment needs. Each route is assigned sufficient equipment and man-power to clear all snow, curb to curb, within eight hours after a typical snow event has concluded. Typically, this objective is reached, however, there are times when it cannot be. This is usually due to the amount of snow (over 8") and/or type of snow, (heavy wet snow requires more truck passes to clear than light dry snow).

Following are the routes, the areas included in each route, and the primary streets within each route. In order to facilitate plowing operations, and to open up streets where the most benefit will result, the "Primary" streets are cleared of snow/ice first, followed by secondary streets and cul-de-sacs/dead ends.

Area	Primary Streets
ROUTE 1 Commercial, Timber Trails, Merry Ln., & Yorkshire Woods.	Jorie Blvd., Spring Rd., Harger Rd., Commerce Dr., 22nd Str. (Rt. 83 to Clearwater only), 16th Str., Enterprise Dr., Castle Dr., Winsor Dr., Forest Trail, Woodland Dr., Timber View Dr., Timber Edge Dr., Timber Trail, & Yorkshire Wood loop.
ROUTE 2 York Woods, Hunt Club, Woodside Estates, & Forest Glen	Dover Dr., Sheffield Ln.*, Hunt Club Dr., Hunt Club Ln.*, Forest Glen Ln., Winsor Dr., Bradford Ln.*, Wood Glen Ln.,
ROUTE 3 Brook Forest	Mockingbird Ln., Regent Dr., Kimberly Circle*, Concord Dr., Kingston Dr.
ROUTE 4 Fullersburg, Trinity Lakes, & Robin Hood Ranch	Spring Rd. (south), Madison, Wood, St. Francis Circle, Adams Rd., Acorn Hill Ln., Trinity Ln., 35st.
ROUTE 5 Saddle Brook, & Ginger Creek	35th, Saddle Brook Dr., Hambletonian Dr., Fairview Ave., Royal Vale Dr., & Baybrook Ln., Avenue Loire, White Oak Lane

* Only portions of these streets are considered Primary.



There are a few other items of particular importance you should note.

- Although the Village does not have Village wide restrictions on parking on streets during snow storm events, it is advisable to keep your vehicles in your driveways until plowing operations have been concluded. Vehicles parked on the street make it more difficult for snow plow operators. Additionally, due to the weaving around parked vehicles, significant piles of snow can remain on the pavement.
- Many roadways that bisect the Village are not the responsibility of the Village to maintain. The Illinois Department of Transportation has the responsibility for: 22nd St. (from Clearwater to I-294) bridge, and west of Rt. 83), Rt. 83, and Butterfield Rd. The County Division of Transportation has, Meyers Rd., Midwest Rd. 31st St., & York Rd. Should you need to contact either of these agencies, their numbers are: Illinois Department of Transportation: 847-705-4401. County Division of Transportation: 630-682-7318
- If you have a snow plowing service clear your driveway, please advise them to make sure they deposit the snow onto the parkway behind the curb or edge of pavement. In many cases, this is not done and when our plow trucks come back around, whatever snow they have left in the street will certainly be plowed back into your driveway approach.

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BY ROBERT KALLIEN

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Residential Development

- Duchossois Redevelopment Project – Construction continues on the phase 1 foundation, core and shell permit that was issued during the summer for the new \$60+ million 245,000 square foot corporate facility for the Duchossois Group. Plans for the interior portions of the building are now under review. Construction is expected to be complete in early 2017.
- Oakbrook Center – Construction continues on the new building that will house structured parking, 12 screen cinema and space for several restaurants. The superstructure for the parking portion of the building has been assembled and steel is being erected to frame out the cinemas. Construction is expected to be complete in the third quarter of 2016.
- Rush University Medical Center is proposing the construction of a 100,000 square foot, four-story ambulatory surgery center and multi-level parking structure on the vacant parcel located at 2011 York Road (i.e., parcel just east of LA Fitness). The first step in this process will be for Rush to appear before the Village's Planned Development Commission to obtain approval of their Planned Development application which is

expected to occur in December 2015.

- The Janko Development Group is proposing the construction of a 144-room Hyatt House Hotel and restaurant at the northeast corner of 22nd Street and Windsor Drive. To accommodate this project, the existing one-story office building on the site would be demolished. Similar to the Rush project, the first step in this process will be for Janko to appear before the Village's Planned Development Commission to obtain approval of their Planned Development application which is expected to occur in December 2015.

Zoning Ordinance Update is Coming!

On October 27, 2015, the Village Board approved a contract with Teska Associates, a professional planning consulting firm to update the Village's Zoning Ordinance which has been in existence since 1966. This update process is anticipated to take 10-14 months and will involve considerable public input and interaction throughout the process.

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Information Technology Services

Mass Notification Alert System — The Village of Oak Brook has been using the Blackboard Connect mass notification service since 2009. With this service, the Village has an easy-to-use, reliable tool that allows the Village to make certain that Village residents and businesses are accurately and quickly informed during emergency situations.

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

The Blackboard Connect system provides a comprehensive list of phone numbers collected from over 200 providers. However, there is the possibility that your home telephone number is not included, particularly if your telephone number is unlisted. More information about this system is available on the Village website at: <http://www.oak-brook.org/303/Mass-Emergency-Notification> From the Village website you can also add additional contact devices and protocols such as cellular telephone numbers and email addresses.

There is no cost to use the service and your participation is completely voluntary. Rest assured that your personal information will not be shared with anyone.

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

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

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Sports Core *Information*

BY TREY VANDYKE



BATH & TENNIS CLUBHOUSE

The Oak Brook Sports Core is entering into a peaceful time. However, the Bath & Tennis Clubhouse remains the perfect gathering place for your wintertime event. This private and secluded venue is perfect for your party, meeting, or seminar. Please contact Tammy Perri, our Corporate & Private Event Sales Associate, via e-mail at tperri@oak-brook.org or by phone at (630) 368-6442 to assist you.

We hope you will join us as our seasonal outdoor athletic activities move indoors.

GOLFERS

Last Chance Open – Saturday, December 5th weather permitting, the golf course will host the final event of the season on Saturday, December 5th.

This 9-hole, two-person, two-club scramble event is open to anyone brave enough to endure the elements. Please contact the golf shop at 630-368-6400 for details and to sign-up.



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Winter is a great time to break down your golf swing and set goals for next year. Please feel free to consult one of our PGA Professionals for wintertime training.

Here are a few ways to stay active:

*Keep your golf swing in shape by practicing at the White Pines Golf Course Dome in Bensenville. All of our instructors see students at this facility during the winter months.

*Winter Clinic – Shake off a little winter chill by attending our February 27th Winter Golf Clinic. Please call the golf shop for more information: (630) 368-6400 ext. 2

Finally, on behalf of the Sports Core staff, we wish you a safe and happy holiday!

Celebrate the season with us.



THE OAK BROOK BATH & TENNIS CLUB

Library Calendar and Events

BY SUE MADORIN

WINTER CALENDAR

Saturday, December 5 @ 2-3 pm Robyn Vitson: Holiday Music

Join Robyn Vitson for a medley of holiday songs sure to delight the hearts of all ages. For those brutal Midwest winters, Robyn is here to warm the spirits. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, December 12 @ 2 pm The Forgotten Heroes: The Battle of the Bulge

War historian, Robert Mueller, gives a powerful and emotional presentation with original footage and behind the scenes biographies of some outstanding soldiers. Mueller's books give original photos along with geographically accurate coordinates to find exactly where the incidents happen: by foot or by armchair travel on Google Earth. This is a lecture not to be missed by any history fan.

Sunday, December 20 through Saturday, March 5, 2016 Youth Services 2016 Winter Reading Program: A Blizzard of Books

To encourage reading during the cold and dreary months we are offering incentives to our young readers. Stop in, we have a **Blizzard of Books** from which to choose! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Sunday, December 20 through Saturday, March 5, 2016 Adult Services 2016 Winter Reading Program: New Year, New Reads

Welcome the new year, break the mold and challenge yourself to read not only books, but different books! From fiction to nonfiction or romance to mystery, pick an author, genre, or format that you've never read before from our collection. All who participate will receive a reading incentive and be entered into a drawing. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Saturday, January 9th @ 2pm Capital Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington

Jenny Riddle's latest book review will captivate you as she presents some of the women in Cokie Roberts' best seller, *CAPITAL DAMES: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868*. You don't want to miss learning how these women and others in Roberts' book reacted to the war, influenced the war, and moved women farther along the road to enlightenment and equality.

Thursday, January 14 @ 5pm I'm Turning 65 Now What?

Dee Thom, a Healthcare.gov consultant, will be discussing Medicare, COBRA, and other retirement plans and issues. Please come with your questions! Every participant gets a copy of the PowerPoint, for their keeping.

Thursday, February 11th @ 5pm Make & Take Spa

Dawn Duffey, Reflexologist and Aromatherapist, gives a calming reading, practices some relaxation breathing, gives instruction about oils for relaxation, leads a meditation. Participant will leave with a product they have made, such as a bath salt or body scrub.

Saturday, February 13th @ 2pm All About Love

Just in time for Valentine's Day, Kym Frankovelgia is returning to the library to put on a show all about love. Her unique blend of warmth and humor, along with her large catalogue of music in her repertoire will give you an afternoon you won't easily forget.

Sunday, February 28th @ 2pm The Music and Influence of Hank Williams

Relive the legacy of the late great Hank Williams as you hear his music again through the thoughtful and engaging Steve Justman. See (and hear!) the lasting impact of Williams on music!

Director's Message

What does the Oak Brook Public Library mean to you?

To some Oak Brook residents the Library is a treasure trove of literary classics, from Dickens to Tolstoy. For others it is a place to grab the latest bestseller. The Library provides a quiet environment to study for the big exam or collect one's thoughts while sitting in a comfy chair. Children enjoy the lively story times and countless crafts. Audiobooks are popular for those with long commutes. Those interested in researching the latest stock tip can scour the Library's collection of financial newspapers and databases. On many weekends there is either an entertaining or educational program, musicians and historians tend to draw the largest crowds. This time of year the Library is a warm oasis for those tackling the sled hill. On Tuesday nights a group of women can be found knitting, while on Friday mornings a group gathers in the Meeting Room to discuss and debate the latest news.

The Library is many things to many people and its mission to promote the development of independent, self-confident and literate citizens through the provision of open access to cultural, recreational, intellectual, and informational resources is noble. The Library is the cornerstone of the community. It provides a little bit of everything to everyone at little to no cost. So next time you are in the Library let the staff know what the Library means to you. And if you haven't been to the Library in a while, then stop on by. The friendly staff will greet you with a smile and even give you a book recommendation if you'd like.

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BY SHARON DANGLES

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

“For the past 37 years the Village has received recognition for its CAFR...”



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

For the past 37 years, the Village has received recognition for its CAFR in the form of a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association. The 2014 CAFR is located on the Village website in the Finance section. Contact the Finance Department at (630) 368-5000 if you have any questions regarding this document management plan. The Village President and Board of Trustees continue to remain vigilant of the financial operations and we are pleased that we have been able to end the 2014 fiscal year with an overall addition to total Village wide fund balance. The Village's General Fund experienced a decrease in fund balance of \$0.3 million; however, this amount came in better than expected. The 2014 budget planned for a decrease of \$1.2 million as the General fund planned on using cash reserves to fund one time capital improvements. For 2014, General Fund revenues were \$0.7 million over budget and expenditures were \$0.7 under budget. The financial policy of the Village is to maintain a cash balance reserve of at least six months of operating expenditures. By the end of 2015, the total cash reserves are projected at \$12.8 million, which is equal to 7.6 months of operating expenses.

Proposed 2016 Budget

The 2016 Proposed Budget is available for viewing on our website and were discussed at the Village's budget workshops on November 9th and 17th. The 2016 budget will be approved at the December 8th Village Board Meeting.

Water Bill Payments Can Now Be Made by Phone

The Village now accepts water bill payments over the phone using Illinois E-Pay. Payments can be made using Visa, MasterCard, Discover, and American Express debit and credit cards. A convenience fee of 2.35% or \$1.00 minimum is charged for this service. **The fee is not charged or collected by the Village of Oak Brook.**

To make a water bill payment by phone, dial **877-690-3729** and enter jurisdiction code **2359** for the Village of Oak Brook. Please have your seven (7) digit account number and payment amount ready prior to calling. For more information on water billing payment options, visit the water billing payment information website at <http://www.oak-brook.org/185/Payment-Information>.

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Notice of Water Rate Increase



On November 10, 2015 the Village Board approved a 10% increase in water rates based on the recommendation of the Water Rate Study Report. The study can be found on the Village's website at www.oak-brook.org. It cites three main reasons causing the need for the increase:

1. There were significant increases by DuPage Water Commission and City of Chicago over the past 4 years. In 2012, Chicago increased its rate for 4 years of 25%, 15%, 15%, and 15%. Then DuPage Water Commission added an additional increase on top of that resulting in increases of 30%, 20%, 18%, and 17%. The Village did not raise its rates high enough to keep up with these increases.
2. There was a substantial increase in the non-revenue water in the last 5 years. Non-Revenue water is referred to as loss and unaccounted for water. Public Works will be working with our consultant to reduce this amount to obtain substantial savings.
3. The water system infrastructure is aging. Large portions of the system have reached their useful life. A significant investment is needed to avoid disruptions in water service due to failed equipment.

The Village's Water Fund is projected to decline in year 2017/2018 where maintenance and replacement projects are being deferred due to lack of funding. The purpose of the Water Fund is to ensure that the water supply and distribution system will have the capacity to serve its residents without taking on any debt.

The new rates would go into effect January 1, 2016 and be

reflected in water bills issued on March 1, 2016 for residents and non-residents. For corporate customers, the new rate will be reflected in water bills issued on February 1, 2016.

How will this affect my bill?

Using an average consumption of 10,000 gallons for a household, this is an estimate of how your bi-monthly water bill will be affected. Water consumption will vary by household.

Even after the water rate adjustments are made, water bills in Oak Brook will remain competitive when compared to the average DuPage County Municipalities.

Despite the substantial increases in water rates, it is important to continue implementation of the 2015 Water Rate Study recommendations to ensure the on-going viability of Oak Brook's water system.

Water Rates	2015	2016
Fixed Charge \$/customer/month	\$ 7.33	\$ 10.00
Resident Rate \$/1,000 gal	\$ 7.73	\$ 8.50
Non-Resident \$/1,000 gal	\$ 9.13	\$ 10.04

Sample Water Bill	2015	2016	Increase
Resident	\$ 91.96	\$ 105.00	\$ 13.04
Non-Resident	\$ 105.96	\$ 120.40	\$ 14.44