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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,

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and are enjoying the warmer temperatures as we move into the spring season.

At the December 8th meeting, the Village Board approved a balanced budget for 2016. The projected cash balance for 2016 in the General Corporate Fund is \$12.8 million which is equal to 7.1 months of operating expenses. This is \$2.0 million above our financial policy which is to maintain at least six months of operating reserve. Needless to say, the financial health of the Village is strong, and we will continue to operate the Village without a general real estate tax, or any other new taxation of any kind.

As you all know, our Sports Core Director and PGA Professional, Trey VanDyke has retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the Village of Oak Brook. Before Trey VanDyke left the Village, he was very instrumental in assisting the Sports Core Long Range Planning Committee in reorganization of our Sports Core facilities. Over the last six months, the Sports Core Long Range Planning Committee under the leadership of Trustee John Baar has met several times to discuss the direction of our operations.

Three options for the operation and management of the Sports Core were given an in-depth review. They included: a management proposal from the Oak Brook Park District, the possibility of an outside management company operating the facilities, or conduct an internal staff reorganization to operate the Sports Core. After a several public meetings, the Village Board unanimously decided to move forward with an internal staff reorganization. This reorganization will include having some key staff move into different positions, revise the way our fee structure is handled for our Bath & Tennis memberships, privatize the Tennis aspect of our Sports Core and hire a new Community Events Manager

to oversee our operations at the Bath & Tennis facility. We feel this is the right direction for us to take and appreciate the effort of our staff to step up and take on these new responsibilities.

Looking forward, the Village Board has agreed to outsource Polo for the 2016 season to the professionals and we are working with various individuals to make this happen. The annual Taste of Oak Brook is on the calendar again for July 3rd, with our spectacular fireworks display co-sponsored by the McDonald's Corporation.

Finally, it is at this time of year that the Oak Brook Park District solicits the athletic directors of 9 public and private High Schools that serve the residents of Oak Brook and are asked to nominate an outstanding senior girl and boy as the Athlete of the Year. This award program was initiated by Paul Butler 41 years ago and has been awarded by the Oak Brook Presidents Club since 1974. Athlete winners receive an individual Certificate and Award and their names are engraved on a perpetual trophy which is on permanent display at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center in Oak Brook.

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.

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear Friends and Residents;

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and we all look forward to an early spring.

Several new personnel transitions have taken place since the beginning of the year. Doug Patchin, who has worked for the Village in the Public Works Department for the past 37 years, was appointed as the Village's new Public Works Director at the January 12th Board meeting. Doug Patchin began his career with Oak Brook as a part-time mechanic in 1978. He has held the position of Public Works General Foreman/Superintendent for the past 22 years. Doug replaced Michael Hullivan, who left the Village in August to take the position of Executive Director of the DuPage County Forest Preserve District. Doug possesses a great deal of valuable work history and experience within the Village. I am very excited to have him as our new director.

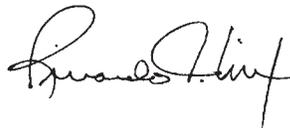
Also, our Sports Core Director and PGA Professional, Trey VanDyke has retired after 25 years of dedicated service to the Village of Oak Brook. He made many friends while employed here at the Village and will be greatly missed. Trey's work was instrumental in several of our community events also. The Taste of Oak Brook, fireworks, polo and several community events could not have been accomplished without his support. We all wish him the best in his new endeavors.

Before Trey left the Village, he was very instrumental in assisting the Sports Core Long Range Planning Committee with the re-organization of our Sports Core facilities. Over the last six months, the Sports Core Long Range Planning

Committee met on a number of occasions to discuss the direction of our operations. The Village Board decided unanimously decided to move forward with an internal staff reorganization. This reorganization will promote another long-time employee, Sean Creed to the position of Golf Club Manager/Superintendent and our Assistant Golf Professional, Jeff Kawucha, to Head Golf Professional. Additionally, in the very near future, the Village will hire a new Community Events Manager to oversee our operations at the Bath & Tennis facility.

Included in the organization is the revision of our fee structure for our Bath & Tennis memberships. The new structure will privatize the Tennis aspect of our Sports Core. The Village Board feels this is the right direction for us to take and I appreciate the effort of our staff to step up and take on these new responsibilities. Information on the new fee structure will be coming out in our Sports Core Brochure during the next few months.

I am very excited about all these new personnel transitions and welcome each of them to the management team of the Village.



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Village Clerk

BY CHARLOTTE PRUSS

Oak Brook residents, in order to register to vote at the upcoming General Primary Election on March 15, 2016, you must meet these qualifications:

- You must be a United States citizen
- You must be at least 18 years old on or before the next election (OR for a General Primary, must be 17 and will be 18 by the General Election)
- You must live in your election precinct at least 30 days before the next election
- You must not be convicted and in jail
- You cannot claim the right to vote anywhere else

You must register at least 28 days prior to an election in order to vote in that election. You can register online at DuPage County Election (<https://ova.elections.il.gov/>) or in person at Designated Early Voting Sites in DuPage County or at the Election Commission office. When registering, be sure to bring two forms of identification with you, one of which must have your correct address on it. Early Voting Sites can be found on the Village Website, www.oak-brook.org under the Clerk's Office – Elections. If you have any questions please feel free to call The Village of Oak Brook, Village Clerk, Charlotte K. Pruss at 630-368-5052.

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BY JAMES KRUGER

IN THE NEWS

One of the important components of our mission to keep the community safe is traffic safety. At first blush, many of you may equate that point with issuing traffic citations, but let me assure you that is just a small but visible part of what we do. Traffic safety is a three pronged approach, the Three E's comprised of education and engineering as well as enforcement. As part of the educational approach, the Police Department has launched a new initiative to encourage compliance and strengthen our social media presence. Throughout the week, our department social media specialist will put out information about areas in the community where we will be paying closer attention for certain traffic violations. This may seem counterproductive, but in reality, it is a strategy to increase compliance with traffic laws and increase our social media footprint. You'll be able to keep up with some of our efforts and remind yourself to drive carefully, and be part of our social media network so that when something serious happened in the community we will be able to reach an even greater audience. We hope that you will follow us on Twitter and Facebook and encourage others as well.

There are some other traffic safety concerns that are not only a matter of law, but also a matter of driving etiquette. Over the past several years, it seems that the motoring public has become a little less cordial. One of these areas is turns and the use of turn signals. The Illinois Compiled Statutes, 625 ILCS 5/11-801 requires drivers when making a left or right turn to do so as close as possible from the corresponding side of the roadway, and turn into the corresponding lane. 625 ILCS 5/11-804 requires the use of turn signals either 100 or 200 feet (depending if they are in a residential or commercial area) continuously prior to making the turn. Section 11-804 also requires a driver to use their turn signal to indicate an intention to change lanes or start from a parallel parked position in addition to making a turn. This is also a very good idea when maneuvering in one of our many retail and commercial parking lots. Alerting the surrounding motorists of your intention is not only practicing courtesy but also defensive driving.



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Another traffic safety concern has been the use of electronic communication devices. Several years ago the State of Illinois passed the no texting law, and then January 1, 2014 the requirement to use hands free electronic communication devices went into effect. Voluntary compliance with this law seems to be coming very slow when you compare it to the seatbelt laws over the past twenty years. State law asserts in 625 ILCS 5/12-610.2 that a person may not use a handheld device unless it is an emergency, parked on the side of the road, or in stopped traffic and the car is in park or neutral. A driver under the age of 19 who holds a graduated drivers license cannot use a wireless telephone, hands free or not, unless it is an emergency to call 911. Hands free does not mean holding the phone in your hand on speaker, it means not holding the device at all. Another law that has been on the books for years as well is 625 ILCS 5/12-610 which prohibits the use of headset receivers on both ears, and only allows a device in one ear. Distracted driving continues to be a very big concern, especially as the weather warms up and pedestrians, bicyclists as well as motorcycle riders start to share the road. Please drive safely and help us keep Oak Brook a safe place.



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BY BARRY LISS



SPRING IS HERE!

As spring approaches, thoughts turn to enjoying the outdoors and cleaning up from the long harsh winter. Nature is undergoing a fresh start, and so are we homeowners, ready to tackle long-neglected projects, such as do-it-yourself home repairs and yard work. The following Spring Safety Tips involve a variety of health and safety hazards that can be avoided with the proper precautions. Keeping a few safety tips in mind may help you have a safer more enjoyable spring.

Indoor Safety

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, disconnect some of the appliances and find a better location. 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).

- While in the midst of spring cleaning, dispose of those old cans of chemicals, paints, and insecticides. Make sure to wear rubber gloves and follow the safety directions on the cans, bottles, and/or packaging. Dispose of any items that are leaking, expired or that look bad. Never mix multiple chemicals together in a container prior to disposing. And, never place solutions into the trash, down the kitchen sink, or down a drain. If you don't know how to dispose of the liquid, seek outside advice. The household solutions and pool chemicals you have decided to keep, should be properly marked and stored under lock and key, away from children's reach.
- Remove all fire hazards, including stacks of rags, newspapers and magazines. Pay special attention to the

spaces around your furnace, hot water tank, fireplace, space heaters and dryer, as well as under the stairs.

- When cleaning windows, make sure all open easily to the outside, in case of fire.
- **Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 13**
When changing the time on your clocks, also check smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. Ensure they are working and change the batteries if necessary. Perform maintenance such as cleaning and dusting as per manufacturer's instructions. Remember proper placement of smoke alarms, ensuring they are installed within 15' of every area of your home used for sleeping purposes.
- Review and practice your home escape plan. Know at least two ways out of every room, if possible.
- Replace or clean your furnace filter. A dirty filter can lower the efficiency of the heating/cooling system, increase heating costs and potentially cause fires.
- Clean the kitchen exhaust hood and air filter. Keeping this clean of cooking grease will help keep a stovetop fire from spreading.
- Always have a multi-purpose fire extinguisher accessible. Make sure it is Underwriters Laboratories (UL) listed.
- Check your water heater. If you have a gas-fired water heater, check to make sure it is venting properly. Light a match next to the vent and wave it out (don't blow it out). See if the smoke is pulled up into the vent. If it isn't, have a professional inspect and repair it. Otherwise, carbon monoxide and other combustibles can build up in the home.
- Clean the clothes dryer exhaust duct, damper and space under the dryer. Poor maintenance allows lint to build up in the exhaust duct and cause fire.
- Replace all extension cords that have become brittle, worn or damaged. Exposed wires may cause arcing, which will produce heat and can start a fire. Keep appliances and their power cords away from water or a heat source because this will damage the cord's insulation.

Outdoor Safety

- More than 90,000 people visit the emergency room each year due to ladder mishaps. Here are a few safety tips:
 - ~ Read the manufacturer's instructions that come with your ladder. They contain guidelines for weight and height limits as well as for the proper use of their product.

- ~ When using ladders, check for safe and proper placement. Be aware of any obstructions, overhead wires, electrical, cable, phone and tree branches.
- ~ Inspect the ladder before using it to make sure there are no loose or broken rungs.
- ~ Make sure the ladder is the right height for the job. Many accidents happen when people overextend their reach because their ladders are too short.
- ~ Never stand on a ladder's bucket shelf.
- ~ Avoid using a metal ladder near electrical sources.
- Check cords and outlets for fraying or exposed wiring on all electrically operated equipment.
- On gas operated equipment, check fuel lines and connectors for leaking fuel. Never use or store gasoline indoors. Make sure gasoline and cleaning fluids are well marked and stored in a cool, dry place away from the house and out of the reach of children and pets. Use only approved containers for gasoline storage. Never use gasoline to clean skin, clothes, auto parts, or floor .
- When filling gas powered tools, equipment, and recreational vehicles such as motorbikes, remember to operate under direct adult supervision, outside, do not overfill and fill only when the motor is cool. Store gasoline in a cool place away from the house in a detached garage or shed, and always in an approved safety can.
- Keep gasoline and all flammable liquids away from children!
- An emergency evacuation plan, including a map of your home and, for every type of severe weather emergency, routes to safety from each room.
- A list of important personal information, including:
 - ~ telephone numbers of neighbors, family and friends
 - ~ insurance and property information
 - ~ telephone numbers of utility companies
 - ~ medical information
- A first aid kit may include:
 - ~ non-latex gloves
 - ~ assortment of adhesive bandages
 - ~ antibiotic ointment
 - ~ sterile gauze pads in assorted sizes
 - ~ absorbent compress dressings
 - ~ tweezers
 - ~ scissors
 - ~ adhesive cloth tape
 - ~ aspirin packets (81 mg each)
 - ~ first aid instruction booklet
- A 3–5 day supply of bottled water and nonperishable food.
- Personal hygiene items.
- Blankets or sleeping bags.
- An emergency kit in your car.

Spring Weather

Spring weather can be unpredictable. Spring is the time of year when many things change—including the weather. Temperatures can fluctuate dramatically. Thunderstorms cause most of the severe spring weather. They can bring lightning, high winds, tornadoes and flooding .

Prepare your family members for the possibility of severe weather. Tell them where to seek appropriate shelter as soon as they are aware of an approaching storm. Practice your emergency plan. Show family members where the emergency supplies are stored, and make sure they know how to turn off the water, gas, and electricity in your home. Prepare for storms, flooding , and tornadoes as if you know in advance they are coming, because in the spring, they very likely will.

Here are some general safety tips to follow and items to collect for an emergency safety bag:

- A battery-operated flashlight, a battery-operated NOAA Weather Radio, and extra batteries for both.

Unfortunately, few of us receive advance notice of a severe weather event. Often by the time we are aware of an approaching storm, we have little to no time to prepare. We do know that when spring arrives, thunderstorms, high winds, tornadoes, and flooding are real possibilities.

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BY ROBERT KALLIEN

Development Update – February 1, 2016

- On January 26, 2016, Rush Medical Center received final approval on its request to construct a 103,000 square foot medical outpatient building which will focus on orthopaedic care and include an ambulatory surgery center and a four-level, 485 space parking structure on vacant land located at 2011 York Road. The project will now require the review and approval from the State of Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board. Subject to receiving those approvals, construction is expected to begin in May 2017.
- On January 26, 2016, the Janko Development Group received final approval on its request to construct a 144-room Hyatt House Hotel and future 4,500 square foot restaurant at 210 22nd Street. The applicant may not construct a drive-thru for the restaurant until such time the Village Board approves such construction. The next step in the process would be for the applicant to demolish the existing one story office building now located on the property.



Department Reorganization

Beginning January 1, 2016, the Community Development and Engineering Department's of the Village have been consolidated to create a new "Development Services Department." Community Development Director Robert Kallien will oversee this new Department.

Over the coming months, steps will be taken to fully integrate all processes and work activities into a single operating Department. Until that work is complete, our primary telephone contacts will remain as:

- building permits and inspections or code enforcement matter**630-368-5101**
- zoning, planning, Plan Commission or ZBA.....**630-368-5106**
- engineering matter for drainage, flood plain or planned onstruction project.....**630-368-5130**



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Sports Core *Information*

BY SEAN CREED



SPORTS CORE ACTIVITIES

Spring is on its way and our staff is busy developing plans for some exciting summer fun! We are happy to announce that we have an excellent Sports Core coaching staff. Returning this season will be Cindy Jones, Head Swim Coach and Greg Spencer, Head Tennis Professional. Our PGA Golf instructors include Jeff Kawucha, Claudine Boettger, Ian Grant and Gary Pinns, and they will be at the Golf Course to assist you with your golf lesson needs.

We hope you will be pleased to see the improvements staff has been working on over the winter months. The golf course pro shop has a new look and we will be hosting a spring clearance sale once the golf course is open.

Check out the different membership options for Bath & Tennis Club that will be available for you to take advantage of in 2016. The Sports Core brochure will be out shortly with all the details included.

Spring is a busy season for Bath & Tennis Clubhouse rentals but we still have dates and times available for you to host your birthday or graduation parties, wedding or baby showers or your business meetings. Whatever your space needs may be, give our staff a call to see if this space is for you!

We look forward to a wonderful 2016 season at the Sports Core.

UPCOMING CALENDAR

Golf Club Driving Range Opens

Expected Date April 1st

Giant Golf Demo Day

Expected Date Wednesday, May 4th

Bath & Tennis Club Discounts Deadline

Early Bird Special – May 13th

Bath & Tennis Club Pool Opens

Expected Date Saturday, May 28th

Taste of Oak Brook

Sunday, July 3rd

Oak Brook Polo Season

June - September

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Library Calendar and Events

BY SUE MADORIN

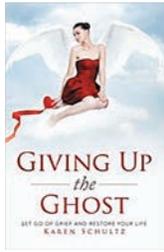
SPRING CALENDAR

MARCH

Giving Up the Ghost: Workshop & Book Signing

Saturday, March 19 @ 1 pm

Where do our loved ones go after death? What happens to them? Karen Schultz, a licensed clinical social worker, medium and author, will be discussing these topics from her popular book, *Giving Up the Ghost*.



DIY Paper Flowers

Sunday, March 20 @ 2 pm

Celebrate the first day of spring by creating your own bouquet of flowers! The best part is they will never wilt. All supplies and instruction provided. Limited space, so sign up now!



APRIL

Classical Concert: Gina Fiore

Saturday, April 2 @ 2 pm

An award-winning performer, **Gina Fiore** received first place honors for her talent competition at Northern Illinois University. Gina holds a Bachelor of Music Education Degree and Performance Degree in Violin and Piano. Join her for an afternoon of classical tunes. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Downton Abbey: The Real Lady Catherine

Saturday, April 16 @ 1 pm

Lynn Rymarz shares the story of Lady Catherine, Countess of Carnarvon. Hear the fascinating true story of how Catherine Wendell, an American-born woman, met and married the Sixth Earl of Carnarvon, and made a life for herself and her family in Highclere Castle, which is the setting for *Downton Abbey*. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



A Matter of the Heart

Sunday, April 17 @ 2 pm

Dr. Hariman, the former head of cardiology at Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital, will address care of the heart and general heart concerns.



Plant & Take: Herb Pots

Saturday, April 30 @ 2 pm

Just because spring hasn't fully sprung doesn't mean you can't satisfy your green thumb! Seeds, pots, and decorations will be provided. Come prepared to plant and paint.



MAY

Medicare 101

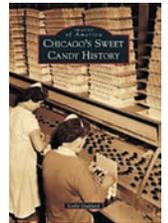
Thursday, May 5 @ 7 pm

Medicare can be confusing. **David Wylly** of the Medicare Solutions Network will be presenting this educational seminar to get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket exposure. We'll discuss Supplements, Advantage Plans, Part D Prescription Coverage, and cost-saving strategies for the years ahead.

Chicago's Sweet Candy History

Sunday, May 15 @ 2 pm

The city has called itself the Candy Capital of America since the turn of the century. Join Leslie Goddard and learn some of the history behind tasty treats such as Brach's caramels, Mars Snickers bars, Wrigley's gum, Cracker Jack, Curtiss Baby Ruth bars, Tootsie Rolls, Frango Mints, and Dove chocolates. Explore what made Chicago such a powerful location for these candymakers. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Sentimental Journey Concert

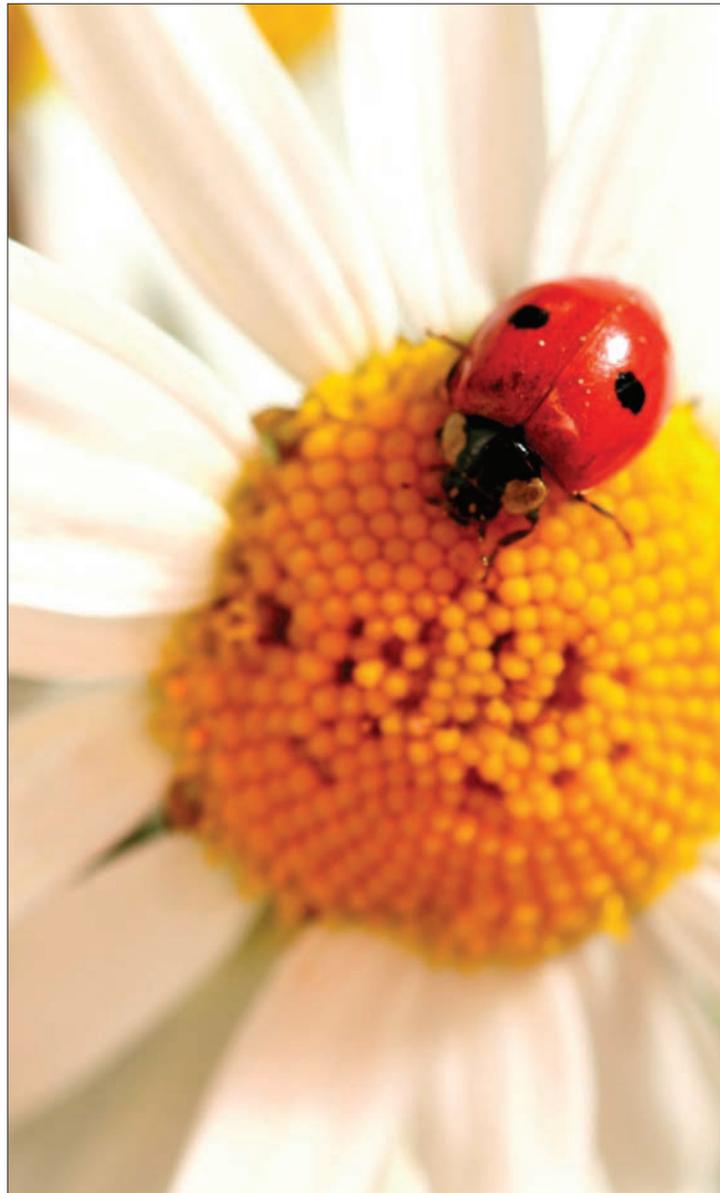
Sunday, May 22 @ 2 pm

Sentimental Journey features the vocals of **Nora Drysch** performing standards ranging from the 30s to the early 60s, showcasing various artists, tempos, and languages, accompanied by a full sound of recorded background instrumentation. This one-hour musical excursion to the past includes more than a dozen vocal numbers interspersed with musically-related trivia questions as well as a free door prize raffle. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



American Doughboys in the First World War Saturday, May 28 @ 2 pm

Robert Mueller will be addressing America's participation in "the war to end all wars", taking a trip across the battlefields of Northern France to describe the events, people, and places of America's contribution to the defeat of the German Kaiser. Famous engagements such as Belleau Wood, Cantigny, St-Mihiel, and Meuse-Argonne are reviewed with images of what the battlefields look like today. We end by relating the enormous changes that the conflict brought to warfare, society, and populations around the world. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

For libraries, April is perhaps the most important month of the year because we get to celebrate how great libraries are. According to the Pew Research Center, Americans strongly believe in the value of libraries. They are the place to come to research and invest in the newest ideas and technologies. Libraries do transform people, their lives and their communities. That is the theme for this year's celebration of National Library Week, an annual event that this year falls from April 10-16. Look for a complete schedule of happenings as we draw closer to that date.

April is also the month in which our Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library hold their annual used book sale. Mary Ann Nunez, who spends hundreds of hours each year sorting and selecting from our community's generous donations, puts on one of the finest sales in Illinois. The sale will feature anywhere from 8,000 to 10,000 titles and will be held in the Library's Friends Meeting Room. Pricing is unbelievably low. Thursday, April 21, marks the first day of the sale. There is a \$5 charge per person to enter the sale early from 12-4 pm. However, if you are a Friends member (hint, hint) you can get in free all day. For those dealers with scanning devices, the admission charge is \$10. After 4 pm admission is free for all, as it will be on Friday and Saturday. The Friends accept either cash or checks.

From March 14-April 23, the Friends also sponsor a silent book auction with the items on display in the Library Lobby. These present an opportunity to acquire specially picked and grouped items. The bids are made on clipboards. It is always fun to see who will win what at the last moment, noon on April 23. Often we have competing individuals dueling it out to the end.

On Sunday, May 1, the Evergreen Concert will feature Bella Voce, a Chicago-based chamber chorus that specializes in classical and cappella music. The concert will be held at 3 pm in the Friends Meeting Room with refreshments afterwards. The Friends present the Evergreen Concerts twice a year to rave reviews. The doors will open for seating about 2:30 pm. We hope to see you there.

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BY JIM FOX

OUTDOOR WARNING SIREN SYSTEM – SEVERE WEATHER ALERTING



The Village of Oak Brook operates 4 outdoor warning sirens, which are strategically placed throughout the Village. These sirens form an overlapping pattern to effectively alert the public to emergencies such as severe weather emergencies.

The Village tests its outdoor warning sirens at 10:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of each month, so if it's testing time and the weather is clear, it's just a test.

What to do if you hear a siren:

1. Be alert. The severe weather warning siren consists of a 3 minute steady siren blast.
2. Seek shelter immediately.
3. Turn on your radio for further information.

Note: Residents should not call 9-1-1 to find out why sirens are sounding. Only dial 9-1-1 if you need to report an emergency.

Important: The Village does NOT sound an "all-clear" signal. If the sirens are activated again, it generally is because a new threat or warning has been issued. A secondary activation does not mean it is safe to come out of shelter areas.

The purpose of the outdoor warning siren system it's designed to be heard outside - sirens are not intended to penetrate inside residential and commercial structures. Warning sirens only have an audible footprint of one to two miles, meaning that you have to be within that distance (in any direction) of the siren in order to be able to hear it. Keeping that in mind, during the rain and hail that oftentimes accompanies many severe storms, it becomes even harder to hear a siren at a distance. Wind speed and direction also will affect that sound range.

Outdoor warning sirens exist for one purpose only – to alert people who are outdoors that something dangerous is happening, and that they should go inside. Once inside, people should use a radio or the television to get current and updated information.

Ultimately, while outdoor warning sirens can be instrumental in warning citizens who are outdoors about impending danger, residents who are already inside need to depend on other options to stay updated on impending danger.

Indoor warning siren options -- if you are indoors, use a radio, television or a special National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) weather radio to get specifics on potentially dangerous weather events. Like a smoke detector, a weather radio waits in standby mode until a warning is issued. When the National Weather Service issues a warning, weather radios in businesses and households throughout the threat area automatically alarm and broadcast the warning, allowing people to take the appropriate actions. Portable models also are available for use outdoors or when traveling.

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BY SHARON DANGLES

FINANCE REPORT

2016 Budget Approved

The 2016 Municipal Budget was approved by the Village Board on December 9, 2015. The 2016 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.

There are a number of internal and external factors that we take into account when compiling the municipal budget. Several issues the Village faces are increased pension obligations, rising health care costs, possible revenue reductions by the State of Illinois, and the funding of vehicles, equipment, and capital improvements.

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 2016 in the General Corporate Fund of \$12,808,988 is equal to 7.1 months of operating expenses, which is \$2.0 million above the six month operating reserve requirement.

The 2016 budgeted revenues are \$49 million, a 2.3% increase from the 2015 Budget. This is mainly due to the increase in water rates as budgeted in the Water Fund. The 2016 revenues include \$23.8 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 \$12.6 million or 2.5% higher than last year. The Village collected over \$12 million in general sales tax for 2015, which was the highest received in history dating back to the 1990's.

The total spending is \$51.4 million, a decrease of \$1.7 million, or 3.2% from the prior year. This is mainly due to a decrease in major capital improvements in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund and Water Fund. The Village is projected to end December 31 with a healthy cash balance for all funds in the amount of \$24.1 million. It's common practice for certain funds to reserve money over a period of time before expending them on major capital projects. The use of proper planning ensures the Village does not incur debt.



Major capital improvements for 2016 are:

- Improvements to 22nd St. (Salt Creek – I-294) for \$1.2 million in 2016 (another \$1.2 million in 2017), which is partially offset by a grant.
- Annual paving program, \$4.5 million

We will continue to evaluate our operations to make certain we are providing services to our citizens and corporate business partners as efficiently and economically as possible. Thank you to everyone for their continued commitment in making Oak Brook a great community to live and work.

The 2016 approved Budget and Five Year Plan are available on the Village's website. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

E-Billing

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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SPRING 2016

This winter Public Works has been busy with snow and ice removal, and removing Ash trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer. Staff removed approximately 100 trees. During spring restoration, tree stumps will be ground, then dirt and seed will be added to level off parkways. Replacement trees will be scheduled for fall planting.



With the weather warming, it's time to take care of some simple, yet important housekeeping tasks. Homeowners should do a "walk around" inspection of their yard. Make sure drainage pathways that take water away from foundations are pitched away from your home and clear of debris. Keep drainage in mind during the upcoming garden and spring clean-up season. Avoid trapping water against your home's foundation with too much soil or mulch. Gutters, downspouts, and area drains have a tendency to collect debris over the winter. Now is a great time to ensure these drainage features are clog-free and running free.

As spring is fast approaching, Public Works would like to update residents on upcoming street improvements scheduled for 2016

Street receiving resurfacing are:

- Acorn Hill Lane, Washington Street and Wood Road
- Bath & Tennis Drive
- Camden Court and Tower Drive (Water Tower Area)
- Clearwater Drive
- St. Stephens Green
- Camelot Drive

Streets receiving significant reconstruction:

- Avenue Lorie
- Mockingbird Lane



Spring is also a good time to check timers and scheduling of your home's irrigation system.

As a water conservation reminder, outdoor watering is permitted as follows:

Odd-Numbered Street Addresses

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

Even-Numbered Street Addresses

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

6:00 AM until 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

WATERING IS PROHIBITED ON MONDAY

Watering cans or hand-held watering devices may be used at any time on any day.

Customers with private wells are encouraged to utilize their wells for all outside watering purposes.

Newly planted sod or seed may be watered for a maximum period of two (2) weeks from the date of installation. Please notify the Village's Water Department at 630 368-5270.

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Oak Brook Bath & Tennis



The official date for the opening of the pool is Saturday, May 28. Swim team gets underway with team try-outs and open practice starting Tuesday, May 31-Thursdays, June 2 for returning and new swimmers. We would love for you to come and try us out! More information about swim team can be found out on the Village website.

We have new swim programs for members and non members to join for the season.

The Youth programs are:

- Dive lessons
- Snorkeling for kids

The Adult programs are:

- Master Swim
- Water Aerobics
- Aqua Zumba
- Discover Scuba Diving

We also added a new Co-Ed Volleyball program for Adults on Fridays from 6pm-7:30pm. Come check it out!





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