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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 happy and healthy Holiday season and I wish everyone all the best for the upcoming New Year!

Now that winter has arrived, why not come and enjoy some of the fabulous indoor programs offered at the Library or enjoy a nice leisurely meal at one of Oak Brook's finest dining establishments.

This past year, the Village welcomed the openings of several new restaurants. They included Michael Jordan's Restaurant, Rock Sugar Southeast Asian Kitchen, Roka Akor, a Japanese steak, sushi and seafood restaurant and the new 14,000-square-foot dining "District" at the Oakbrook Center Mall which features ten new eateries located on the upper level adjacent to the AMC Theaters. Additionally, we saw the beginning of the Rush Medical/Surgical Complex, the opening of the Duchossois Group and the 144 room Hyatt House Hotel, the approval of Carvana, where vehicles can be purchased on-line with two (2) delivery options and the renovations to the Sears Store to accommodate KidZania, a children's entertainment business.

The Village Board and I remain committed to conservative spending while continuing to invest in our community and providing superior services to our residents. However, the State of Illinois passed a budget this year that included a reduction in the distribution of income tax revenues to municipalities of 10% resulting in loss of revenue of ~ \$75,000 to our General Fund. The State also imposed a 2% "collection fee" on locally administered non-home rule sales tax resulting in another loss of ~ \$110,000 to the Infrastructure Fund. Despite these and other economic challenges as well as the spiraling costs of

pensions, the Village enters Fiscal Year 2018 in a stable financial footing. On December 12, the Village approved a Budget for 2018 which included healthy reserves of \$16.9 million dollars, which amounts to 9.2 months of operating expenses. This reserve exceeds the required financial policy of the Village of maintaining a cash balance of six months of operating expenses in the General Corporate Fund. I remain committed to **opposing new taxation of any kind (including the Food and Beverage tax), as well as opposing real estate/property tax.**

Finally, I am happy to report to you that last month I proposed, and the Board unanimously approved, the establishment of the Sports Core Advisory Committee. This new standing Committee will be made up of 9 residents of our Village, chaired by Ms. Angie Lopez, and will report to the Board on any and all issues within our Sports Core so as to enhance this precious amenity for our residents who use our facilities.

The Trustees, the staff, and I are always available to hear your thoughts, ideas, or concerns at all times. Kindly feel free to call, email or meet any of us. We are all here to serve you.

Have a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear Friends and Residents:

It has been a very busy few months as we wrapped up the end of the year for the Village. The Board recently held three Committee Workshops. One was on the Sports Core and two were related to the 2018 budget. The Public Hearing on the 2018 budget and its approval was held at the Dec. 12th Board Meeting.



On December 5, 2017, Chief James Kruger received the Law Enforcement Official of the Year Award from the Illinois Security Professionals Association at their 56th Annual Awards Gala in Chicago. Several of our staff, as well as Clerk Charlotte Pruss and I attended the luncheon. We are very excited and proud of Chief

Kruger's work and recognition.

Recently, our Human Resource Generalist left the organization for the private sector. As Village Manager, one of my main responsibilities is to balance the needs of the organization and realize alternative ways to function in a more effective manner. In filling this position, I promoted our Deputy Clerk, Kathy Vonachen to the new position of Human Resource Manager/Deputy Village Clerk. Additionally, Rose Kane became the new Administrative Coordinator. The combination of duties and

the elimination of an administrative position realized a savings of over \$84,000.

This year's Polo season appeared to be a very successful one. As you know, James Drury Partners, operating as Pineoak Partners, has been managing polo for the last two years. The Village has already begun discussions with Pineoak Partners for the 2018 season as next year will mark the 40th Anniversary since the last U.S. Open Polo Championship was played in Oak Brook. We are pleased that Pineoak Partners has led the resurgence and growth of Polo in Oak Brook and the Chicago area.

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 2018.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riccardo F. Ginex".

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Information Technology Services

BY JIM FOX

STAY CONNECTED



Technology keeps us informed and in touch like never before. Think about the technology we use every day compared to 20 years ago: e-mail, instant messaging, pocket cell phones, SMS (text) messaging,

PDA's. . .the list goes on. We already know this technology can increase connectivity and productivity, but did you know they can also save lives during an emergency? The Village of Oak Brook uses a mass notification system designed to keep Village residents and businesses informed of emergencies and certain community events.

The system utilizes the telephone companies' 911 database and is able to contact land-line telephone numbers, whether listed or unlisted. If the call is picked up by an answering machine,

the system will leave a recorded message. If the number called is busy or does not answer, the system will redial the number in an attempt to deliver the message.

By registering with this system, Village residents and businesses can also add additional contact points such as cell or business telephone numbers. Text messages may also be sent to cell phones, e-mail accounts and hearing impaired receiving devices.

To register with the system please visit the Village website at <http://www.oak-brook.org/303/Mass-Emergency-Notification>

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BY JAMES KRUGER

Over the last couple of months, the opioid crisis has hit the national consciousness as President Donald Trump declared it a public health emergency. Every day, more than 90 Americans die after overdosing on opioids. The misuse of and addiction to opioids—including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl—is a serious national crisis that affects public health as well as social and economic welfare. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that the total “economic burden” of prescription opioid misuse alone in the United States is \$78.5 billion a year, including the costs of healthcare, lost productivity, addiction treatment, and criminal justice involvement.

Nearly five years ago, DuPage County law enforcement and the Coroner’s Office recognized this issue as the number of deaths attributed to opioid overdose in DuPage County began to rise. There was a realization that this problem was far reaching and affected all age and socioeconomic groups. We saw that there was no community immune from the problem, and law enforcement would not be able to solve it alone. Due to the leadership and forward thinking in DuPage County, we began the DuPage County Narcan Program bringing together law enforcement, prosecutors, coroner, and health department to deploy the first countywide law enforcement narcan program in the country, <http://www.dupagehealth.org/EPR/dnpinfo>. So far this year in DuPage County alone, there have been 75 deaths and 120 narcan saves through September as compared to 78 deaths and 148 saves in all of 2016.

Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in late November that he had been “dubious” of a 2016 law that effectively took away the Drug Enforcement Administration’s most potent weapons against distributors and manufacturers of prescription opioids and he would support new legislation to expand the agency’s arsenal. “Today we are facing the deadliest drug crisis in American history,” Sessions said. “We’ve never, ever seen the death rates that we’re having today — 64,000 died last year.”

So what can we do right now? There are many resources out there to explain to parents on how to talk to their children.



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The Partnership for Drug Free Kids has a parent guide at http://medicineabuseproject.org/assets/documents/Parent_talk_kit_2014_.pdf that offers some good advice to parents. There are also resources on the teen misuse of prescription pain medications as well. It is a well-known fact that one of the main causes of opioid abuse is over prescribed use of an opioid pain reliever after a sports injury. Another great resource is the Robert Crown Center in Hinsdale, who was also an early partner of law enforcement to bring educational programs to area high schools.

As we combat the opioid epidemic, I also want to alert you to an attempted move by the Illinois General Assembly to legalize recreational marijuana in the upcoming session. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police, along with the Illinois States Attorney’s Association with the help of our own States Attorney Robert Berlin, The Illinois Sheriff’s Association and Sheriff Zaruba are working hard to combat the false information being put out there by the proponents looking at the fast money and not the real effects this would have on our communities and especially our children. The proponents believe legalization will make it safer, “since people are smoking anyway” and regulation will remove the criminal element. But law enforcement has seen in states where it has been legalized that the grey market still exists to get around the higher price and taxes, childrens’ emergency room visits are up from ingesting edible cannabis that looks like candy, and fatal crashes related to cannabis use are up. We ask that everyone contact their state representatives and senators to vote no on legalization. Should you have any questions on this or would like to help in the fight, please email or call my office for more information.

Have a safe winter season. Thank you.



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BY BARRY LISS



OAK BROOK FIRE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES ITS FIRST CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

The Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) is a new part of the Oak Brook Fire Department's Fire Prevention and Public Education division, designed to give participants insights into how firefighters/paramedics perform their duties, as well as how the Oak Brook Fire Department serves the community.

This new program consists of classroom instruction and discussions, with a primary focus on hands-on exercises that include a variety of physical activities including but not limited to standing, climbing, lifting, bending and crawling. All are welcome; no one is excluded based on physical limitations. Participants must be at least 18 years of age.

There is NO COST to anyone who participates in the academy.

The seven (7) week program consists of weekly 3-hour sessions, including a graduation ceremony. Instructors are certified firefighter/paramedics, officers, supervisors, and other department personnel with expertise in various areas. Areas of instruction include, but are not limited to fire suppression, emergency medical services, CPR, first aid, fire prevention, fire investigation, specialty teams and much more.

Classes are scheduled to begin March 7, 2018 and will meet every Wednesday at the Oak Brook Fire Department's Training Room from 6:30 pm until 9:30 pm.

Anyone interested must submit an application which can be found on the Fire Department's web site. Participants must meet the following criteria:

- Must be at least 18 years of age
- Must live, work, or be associated with the Village of Oak Brook
- Have no felony arrests or misdemeanor convictions

A background and criminal history check will be conducted on all applicants. The Oak Brook Fire Department reserves the right to exclude any applicant from consideration or participation.

Enjoy a Fire Safe Holiday Season...

A joyous season is a fire safe season. First and foremost, we want you to help us keep your home and property safe by preventing the common, ordinary ways of how a fire can start in your home, destroy your belongings, and harm your loved ones. According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), "The top three days for home candle fires are New Year's Day, Christmas, and New Year's Eve." The top three months for heating fires occurring in the home are December, January, and February. NFPA's "Project Holiday" provides a wealth of safety information to help ensure the holiday season is a safe one. Please see below for some tips and suggestions on how to continue to have an enjoyable fire safe holiday season. For more information from NFPA, please visit <http://www.nfpa.org>. Enjoy a fire safe holiday season. This winter, we wish all of our resident's peace, joy, and a prosperous New Year and many more fire safe holiday's thereafter.



Have your furnace checked. Once a year, hire a professional to inspect and/or service your home's furnace.

Have your Chimney and Vents checked. Fireplaces produce creosote, which may ignite. If you light fires frequently, you will need a chimney sweep service at least once a year. Please make sure you are using dry and seasoned wood which produces less smoke. (Don't burn trees, wreaths or wrapping paper in the fireplace.)

Test all smoke alarms. Make sure batteries are new and are in working condition. Replace smoke alarms which appear to be too old, have an expiration date, or are just not working properly. Add smoke alarms in bedrooms, kitchens, and the laundry room if necessary.

Use a screen for your fireplace. Tempered glass or a metal screen helps protect sparks finding their way out and burning a hole in your carpet or sofa.



Don't leave candles alone. Candles can set the mood for relaxation, and that is how they are forgotten or knocked over by kids or pets. Light the candle only when you plan to occupy the room. Blow the candle out prior to leaving the room.

Fire Safety & Information

Space Heaters need Space. Keep children and pets at least three (3) feet away from a space heater. This will prevent injury or even burns. Do not place space heaters near curtains, tablecloths or fabrics. Before purchasing a space heater, check for a tip-over switch, thermal protection system, as well as a power light.

Fire Extinguisher's Save Kitchens. Store one under the kitchen sink and in the hall closet near the bedrooms. Make sure you purchase an ABC fire extinguisher in which A is for paper, wood and trash; B is for grease and flammable liquids, and C is for small electrical fires. Water does not help a grease fire and can make it worse, much worse. Keep baking soda close by in case of a pan fire. Keep lids handy to put on top of pots and pans that get too hot. Lids also help tremendously when needing to smother a fire inside of a pan on the stove. Always turn the gas or electric off first before using the fire extinguisher.

Practice an escape route. Have a fun, family fire drill. Teach your family to crawl to the nearest exit from every room. Show them how to stop, drop, and roll if their clothes were to ever catch on fire.

All household members should know 9-1-1. You have heard the stories—the four-year-old who saved his grandmother's life with a 9-1-1 call. In a fire, every person in the home can be a potential hero if they know what to do.



~Holiday Safety~

This is an issue that burns brightest from late November to mid-January. This is the time when families gather and parties are scheduled. Placing up decorations is one of the best ways to get into the spirit or mood, but many injuries are also the result of decorating. Take some basic precautions this holiday season so that you and your family and friends remain safe and injury free. You may be able to enjoy the holiday instead of sustaining an injury.

- "Angel hair," made from spun glass, can irritate your eyes and skin; always wear gloves or substitute non-flammable cotton.
- Spraying artificial snow can irritate your lungs if inhaled; follow directions carefully.
- Decorate the tree with your kids in mind; move ornaments that are breakable or have metal hooks toward the top.

- Always use the proper step ladder; don't stand on chairs or other furniture.
- Lights are among the best parts of holiday decorating; make sure there are no exposed or frayed wires, loose connections or broken sockets.
- Plants can spruce up your holiday decorating, but keep those that may be poisonous (including some Poinsettias) out of reach of children or pets; the national Poison Control Center can be reached at (800) 222-1222.
- Make sure paths are clear so no one trips on wrapping paper, decorations, toys, etc.



~Gift Related Safety Tips~



We've all heard it's important when choosing toys for infants or small children to avoid small parts that might prove to be a choking hazard. Here are some additional gift-related safety tips:

- Select gifts for older adults that are not heavy or awkward to handle.
- Be aware of dangers associated with coin lithium batteries; of particular concern is the ingestion of button batteries.



~Candle Safety~



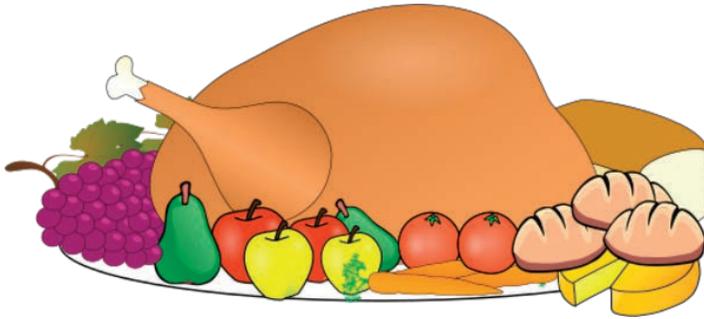
Thousands of deaths are caused by fires, burns and other fire-related injuries every year, and 12% of home candle fires occur in December, the National Fire Protection Association reports. Increased use of candles and fireplaces, combined with an increase in the amount of combustible, seasonal decorations present in many homes means more risk for fire.

- Never leave burning candles unattended or sleep in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep candles out of the reach of children.
- Make sure candles are on stable surfaces.
- Don't burn candles near trees, curtains or any other flammable items.

BY BARRY LISS



~Turkey Fryers~



While many subscribe to the theory any fried food is good—even if it's not necessarily good for you—there is reason to be on alert if you're thinking of celebrating the holidays by frying a turkey.

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports there have been 168 turkey-fryer related fires, burns, explosions or carbon monoxide poisoning incidents since 2002. CPSC states 672 people have been injured and \$8 million in property damage losses have resulted from these incidents.

The National Safety Commission discourages the use of turkey fryers at home and urges those who prefer fried turkey to seek out professional establishments or consider a new oil-less turkey fryer. Please follow these precautions when using a turkey fryer:

- Set up the fryer more than 10 feet from the house.
- Find flat ground; the oil must be even and steady to ensure safety.
- Use a thawed and dry turkey; any water will cause the oil to bubble furiously and spill over.
- Fryer lid and handle can become very hot and cause burns.
- Have a fire extinguisher ready at all times.



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~Food Safety Tips~

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services provides some **holiday food safety tips**. Here are a few:

- Do not rinse raw meat and poultry before cooking.
- Use a food thermometer to make sure meat is cooked to a safe temperature.
- Refrigerate food within two hours.
- Thanksgiving leftovers are safe for four days in the refrigerator.
- Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a rolling boil when reheating.
- When storing turkey, cut the leftovers in small pieces so they will chill quickly.
- Wash your hands frequently when handling food.

Traveling for the Holidays? Be Prepared.

Many people must travel during the holiday season by car. Although automobile injuries are widespread throughout the year, many alcohol-impaired fatalities occur during the holiday season. In 2013, 343 people died on New Year's Day, 360 on Thanksgiving Day and 88 on Christmas Day, according to *Injury Facts 2015*. Alcohol-impaired fatalities represented 31% of the totals.



- Use a designated driver to ensure guests make it home safely after a holiday party; alcohol, over-the-counter or illegal drugs all cause impairment.
- Make sure every person in the vehicle is properly buckled up no matter how long or short the distance being traveled.
- Put that cell phone away; distracted driving causes one-quarter of all crashes.
- Properly maintain the vehicle and keep an emergency kit with you.
- Be prepared for heavy traffic, and possibly heavy snow.

Remember, when guests are staying in your home, make sure areas have night lights or easy-to-reach lamps in case they need to get up during the night. Whether you are visiting someone else's home or you have guests in your home, make sure all medications are kept up and away and out of sight from young children.

BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE – WINTER 2017



Carvana – planned development of a 1.0 acre site at 720 Enterprise Drive that would raze an existing office building and redevelop the site with a 7,700 square foot pre-owned auto retailer. The Carvana business model relies on the purchase of vehicles on-line with two (2) delivery options. A customer can have the vehicle delivered directly to their home or they can pick it up at the vending machine at their brick-and-mortar store in Oak Brook. The Village Board approved the Planned Development Ordinance for Carvana at their meeting on November 14th and building permit plans were submitted in late November for review. It is anticipated that the project will be completed and operational by Fall 2018.



Rock Sugar Southeast Asian Kitchen – the Village Board approved a special use permit for an outdoor dining area consisting of 64-seats in mid-July 2017 for Rock Sugar restaurant located at 2022 Spring Road (adjacent to the Cheesecake Factory) in the Oakbrook Shopping Center. The restaurant will showcase the cuisines of Thailand, Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia and India. The restaurant will be operational and open for business the week of December 5th.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It's been a productive year for the Development Services Department and building permit revenues have exceeded \$2,000,000 in 2017. New commercial projects that have opened their doors this year include Michael Jordan's Restaurant, Rock Sugar Southeast Asian Kitchen, Hyatt House and the restaurants at the "District" in Oak Brook Center. The "District" includes Potbelly, Cilantro Taco Grill, Stan's Donuts and Coffee, Greek Kitchen, Nando's Peri-Peri Chicken, Pie Five Pizza, Porkchop, David's Tea, DMK Burger Bar and Freshii. Several other noteworthy projects are currently in the permitting and construction phases and

are expected to be coming in 2018. I am looking forward to another productive year in 2018 and I'd like to wish Oak Brook's residents and business community a healthy and happy holiday and New Year.

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BY JACOB POST

LIBRARY NOTES

As evidenced by the list of programs here, the Oak Brook Public Library is more than just books. Do you need help with the new tablet or smartphone you got for the holidays? Schedule a one-on-one learning session with one of the Library's knowledgeable reference librarians. They can assist you in setting up the device, downloading an eBook, or just give you some helpful tips. And while you are talking to them, ask about the electronic databases the Library offers. For instance, did you know you can have free access to Morningstar Independent Investment Research? All it takes is a valid Oak Brook library card for you to unlock all the useful investment tools to help grow your financial portfolio. If you haven't signed up for a library card yet, bring a photo ID and proof that you live in incorporated Oak Brook and the Library staff will be happy to issue you one. Do you have a toddler in the family? Sign them up for one of the exciting story times that Youth Services department offers. The story time will include books, music, and a craft. Do you appreciate art? The Oak Brook Art League is now displaying member paintings in the Library's meeting room. This ongoing exhibit brings warmth to the room and a sense of community to the Library. So as you can see, the Library is more than just books. However, not to forget the books, the Library's Winter Reading Programs for both kids and adults start when the Library opens after the New Year. We are giving great incentives for completing the reading logs. So come to the Library this winter, whether it be for the books or the other offerings; you won't be disappointed!



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WINTER CALENDAR

JANUARY

Tai Chi for Beginners

Wednesday, January 17 @ 10 am



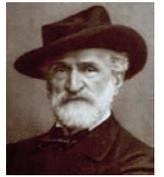
Tai Chi incorporates slow, deliberate movements, meditation, and breathing exercises to help your circulation, balance, and alignment while restoring energy. This is a low-impact martial art with amazing benefit. Sponsored by Body & Brain in Westmont.

Italian Composer Giuseppe Verdi: His Life and Opera

Sunday, January 21 @ 2 pm

Join opera enthusiast Young Kim for an entertaining and informative look at the preeminent composer, his life and his work.

Whether you're a regular opera goer or an opera novice, you're sure to learn something new.



6 Critical Mistakes to Avoid When Planning for Retirement

Wednesday, January 24 @ 7 pm

Most people spend the majority of their working careers saving money so they can retire when and how they want, but there is a big difference between saving for retirement and actually planning for it. These 6 critical mistakes can have a detrimental impact on the outcome of your retirement, but are avoidable with proper planning. You will learn some unique and effective strategies to improve your retirement outcome.



Embrace the New Year with Meditation

Saturday, January 27 @ 2 pm

In this busy, fast-paced world, peace seems like an elusive commodity. Join long-time meditator Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW for this

engaging workshop offering effective techniques that can reduce stress, enhance relaxation and promote inner growth.



FEBRUARY

A New Birth of Freedom

Sunday, February 4 @ 2 pm

Join us for a "first-hand" account of Mr. Lincoln's experiences of U.S. history through the end of the Civil War in 1865. Mr. Lincoln is portrayed by Kevin Wood, a professional Lincoln presenter who bears a remarkable resemblance to "the Great Emancipator" and who is extremely knowledgeable about his life and times.



Cooking Demonstration: Indian Soups

Sunday, February 11 @ 2 pm

Keep out the chill this February with a bowl of warm, homemade soup full of in-season ingredients demonstrated by Indrani Hausner of monbool

cooking school. Samples will be provided. Recipes will be announced closer to the program.



Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles

Saturday, February 17 @ 2 pm

Join us for an up-close, live and extremely "hands-on" experience as you learn about reptiles and amphibians from around the world. An enjoyable experience for all ages! Registration required!



Medicare 101

Tuesday, February 27 @ 7 pm

David Wylly of the Medicare Solutions Network will detail what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your options for additional coverage. He will also discuss Medicare Supplements, Part D Drug Prescription coverage and Advantage Plans.



Social Security: More Than Meets the Eye

Wednesday, February 28 @ 7 pm

If you are going to collect Social Security benefits in the next 10 years, join Jim Flanagan of Bentron Financial Group for this lively and informative discussion. In this session, you will learn more about the benefits of taking Social Security, when to take it, how working impacts it, taxation on it, and spousal Social Security.



MARCH

French Battlefields: The Defense of Bastogne

Saturday, March 3 @ 2 pm

The 101st Airborne Division's heroic denial of the crucial Belgian transportation hub of Bastogne, to attacking German forces during the Battle of the Bulge and the charging advance of elements of General George S. Patton Jr.'s US Third Army to break the enemy encirclement, have entered legendary status in military history. Less recognized was the stubborn resistance by overwhelmed infantry and armored units at key road junctions in Belgium and Luxembourg. Without their willingness to sacrifice all in holding their ground, the defense of Bastogne would have never happened. Join battlefield expert Robert Mueller in reviewing the exciting defeat of Hitler's 1944 Winter Offense.



Women of World War II: On the Front Lines and On the Home Front

Sunday, March 4 @ 2 pm

During World War II, American women took on many new roles, both in the military and as civilians.



One of the civilian avenues was through the American Red Cross Clubmobile program, which was essentially a mobile club, featuring doughnuts, coffee, and good old American girl-next-door friendliness, all served up at the front lines in Europe, Southeast Asia, India, and Australia --wherever the troops were to be found. Join local author Barb Warner Deane to learn more about this fascinating chapter in American history.

Take Control of Your Medical Decisions

Wednesday, March 7 @ 7 pm

When you are faced with a medical crisis or long-term illness, knowing which decisions are the right ones to make can be difficult and confusing. Join Robert McNutt, M.D. in this interactive session designed to empower you to make informed medical decisions that are best for you. Dr. McNutt is a clinician, researcher, teacher, decision analyst, former medical editor and decision-making consultant. He is CEO of YouChooseMedical, LLC and author of Your Health, Your Decisions.



Shamrock Ragsters

Sunday, March 11 @ 2 pm

Come and hear the pub-shaking music of the Shamrock Ragsters! Listen as they play the hits of Dixieland, Bluegrass, Irish, and Celtic tunes with traditional folk instruments including banjo, fiddle, mandolin, tin whistle, Irish flute, guitar, bass and trumpet. You don't want to miss this rip-roaring performance!



Senior Solutions: Finding Care and Housing for You or Your Loved One

Tuesday, March 13 @ 7 pm

The many housing and care options available for today's seniors can be confusing. What are the differences between Independent Living and Assisted Living? What should one look for while touring a living community? How much do they cost? Rick Graffana, owner of Senior Solutions, will answer these questions and more about housing for seniors in transition.



The Early Settlers of Oak Brook

Saturday, March 24 @ 2 pm

Join Miller and historian Jim Nibeck from the Graue Mill and Museum to learn about the history of Oak Brook and its earliest settlers.



Oak Brook Polo Club Awarded the 2018 USPA Board Of Governors and Annual Member Meeting

Press Release, December 12, 2017.

Earlier this Fall, the United States Polo Association® (USPA), the official governing body of the sport of polo in the United States, awarded its 2018 USPA Board of Governors and Annual Member Meeting to Oak Brook Polo Club in Oak Brook, Illinois, and the Chicagoland polo community.

The annual Board of Governors and Annual Member Meetings will be held from Wednesday, September 19 to Saturday, September 22, 2018, at the Hyatt Lodge on McDonald's Corporate Campus in Oak Brook, Illinois. The USPA Fall Meetings are one of two annual meetings held every year. The USPA Spring Meetings are held in Wellington, Florida, prior to the U.S. Open Polo Championship® every April, while the USPA Fall Meetings are held in different polo communities throughout the U.S.

"We are honored to be hosting the 2018 USPA Board of Governors and Annual Member Meeting at Oak Brook Polo Club next year," said USPA CEO Bob Puetz. "I grew up and learned to play polo in the Chicago area, and enjoyed playing polo professionally at Oak Brook Polo Club for over a decade. I am thrilled with the progress Oak Brook and the other local Member Clubs have made towards making the Chicago area a prominent location for American polo once again, and look forward to sharing this great venue with Board Members, Club Delegates, guests and staff."

The USPA Board of Governors, Committees, Subsidiary Boards, Club Delegates, Members and Staff will gather to hold a variety of meetings, discussions and presentations to review the progress and health of the sport throughout the United States and abroad, as well as debate and vote on key issues and policies affecting the game of polo.

The hosting of the 2018 USPA Fall Meetings corresponds with Oak Brook Polo Club's 40th Anniversary since the last U.S. Open Polo Championship was held in Oak Brook, Illinois, in 1978 between teams Abercrombie & Kent and Tulsa. In honor of this history, the Oak Brook Polo Club in coordination with the USPA, is working on a hosting U.S. Open Alumni Match on Sunday, September 23, 2018, on Oak Brook Polo's Prince of Wales Field located at 2606 York Road in Oak Brook, Illinois to close out the 2018 Season. Players and sponsors interested in participating should contact Oak Brook Polo Club's Managing Director, Daniel O'Leary via email doleary@oakbrookpoloclub.com or phone (312) 448-4693.

"We are honored and thrilled to be awarded these meetings," said Jim Drury, President of the Oak Brook Polo Club. "It our objective to work with the Village of Oak Brook to heighten the visibility and excitement of polo in Oak Brook and once

again become a national and international polo destination. These meetings are an example of our recent success and gives us the platform to re-introduce Oak Brook as a competitive polo market in the Mid-West."

The Oak Brook Polo Club was home to U.S. Open Polo Championship for over two decades from 1954 to 1978, making it the home of elite professional polo in the United States. In those 22 years, the Oak Brook Polo Club won six U.S. Open Polo Championships (1960, '64, '65, '67, '71 and '73).

"We are very excited that once again, the United States Polo Association will hold their annual fall meetings and play polo in Oak Brook, says Gopal Lalmalani, Village of Oak Brook President. This five-day event will highlight Oak Brook, restore polo as a signature event and bring hundreds of visitors to our Village where they will stay in our hotels and visit our wonderful Oakbrook Center Mall. We congratulate the Oak Brook Polo Club on this wonderful achievement."

About Oak Brook Polo Club

Founded in 1922 by legendary businessman, Paul Butler, the Oak Brook Polo Club is an American Polo treasure and one of the oldest polo clubs in the United States. It was once the sport's epicenter for elite professional polo in the United States and served as home to the U.S. Open Polo Championship for twenty-four straight seasons and other prestigious international and national polo tournaments. For decades, the Club has been a popular Sunday tradition and social scene known for entertaining Hollywood celebrities, dignitaries, royalty and Chicago's distinguished. Today, Oak Brook Polo Club hosts several Sunday matches and continues to attract thousands of fascinated spectators who marvel at the athleticism and majesty of this timeless sport.

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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., Windsor 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., Windsor 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 the I-294 bridge, west to Rt. 83) also, Rt. 83, and Butterfield Rd. The DuPage County Division of Transportation has: Meyers Rd., Midwest Rd., 31st St. and York Road south of Dover. Should you need to contact either of these agencies, their numbers are: Illinois Department of Transportation, Oak Brook Yard: 630-832-7330 and DuPage County Division of Transportation: 630-682-7321
- 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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Finance Department

BY JASON PAPROCKI

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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.

The Village's fiscal year 2016 CAFR has been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association, marking the 39th consecutive year this award has been received. The 2016 CAFR is located on the Village website in the Finance section for review. Please contact the Finance Department at (630) 368-5000 if you have any questions or comments regarding this document.

The Village President and Board of Trustees continue to remain vigilant regarding the financial operations. During 2016, the Village's General Fund (main operating fund) experienced an increase in fund balance of \$2.8 million, which was better than expected. The 2016 budget planned for a slight increase of \$11,665 as part of a balanced budget. For 2016, General Fund revenues were \$1.5 million

over budget and expenditures were \$2.0 million 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 2017, the total General Fund cash reserves are projected at \$16.9 million, which is equal to 9.2 months of operating expenses.

2018 Proposed Budget

The 2018 Proposed Budget was discussed at the Village's budget workshops on November 2nd and 8th in the Samuel E. Dean Board Room. The final 2018 Budget was approved at the December 12th Regular Board of Trustees meeting. Both documents, as well as the 2018-2022 5-Year Plan, can be found on our website for review.

Water Rate Increase

Water rates are scheduled to increase 7% effective January 1, 2018. The residential rate will increase from \$9.35 to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons and the non-resident rate will increase from \$11.04 to \$11.81 per 1,000 gallons. The monthly fixed charge of \$10 per account will remain unchanged.

The rate increases were recommended as part of a water rate study that was performed in 2015. A copy of the full study can be found on the Village website at: <http://www.oak-brook.org/186/Water-Rates>.

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Sports Core

BY SEAN CREED

GOLF NEWSLETTER

As we look at the end of fall golf and the golf season as we know it in Oak Brook, our eyes are now on the fast approaching holidays.

We hope to keep the golf course open for as long as the weather permits, keep in mind there will be days that we will have to close to keep the course as pristine as we can for the spring 2018 season.

Stay tuned to email blasts and our website for course conditions and tee times,

From all of us at Oak Brook Golf Course, thank you again for a great year of golf. Wishing you and your families the best of the Holidays and a Happy New Year.

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Oak Brook

Bath & Tennis Club

2018 PICK
the knot
best of
weddings



Our incredible venue includes some of the most astounding indoor or outdoor visual elements in architecture and nature. The unparalleled qualities begin with a towering 35-foot vaulted ceiling and floor-to-ceiling windows, commanding spectacular views of the wooded acres, lush landscaping and the sparkling pond with fountain creating an aura of sophistication unique to our space and community. Our astonishing venue is ready and waiting for you to express your imagination and share in your vision.

Join us for an exciting year at the pool and tennis courts for the 2018 season! We already have exciting socials planned including a Murder Mystery Dinner and an award winning Circus/Magic Act as featured on the Tonight Show and HBO's series, Treme. For returning members, please make sure to renew your membership by the new early bird special deadline of April 1.



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LIVE STREAMING — VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

Live streaming of Village Board meetings is now available. The Village Board typically meets the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. Live streaming can be viewed via the Village's website at www.oak-brook.org under the Government heading, then go to Village Board, and then to Live Stream. If you have questions regarding this, please contact Charlotte Pruss, Village Clerk, at 630/368-5052.