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REMINDER

Village Board approves a water meter replacement program and advanced metering infrastructure

The Village of Oak Brook has recently approved the replacement of its water meters. These new water meters and transceivers will allow the Village to implement an automated meter reading process that will provide better customer service, greater data accuracy and reduced operational costs.

United Meters, Inc. of Morris, IL has been contracted to install the water meters in the interior of the home or business while the transceivers will remain on the exterior.

The following information is important to understand in advance of our visit to your home or business:

- This is a mandatory water meter replacement project and the Village and United Meters, Inc. will work to make this as convenient as possible for residents and businesses.

- The replacement of most water meters will require access to your residence or business, as nearly all of them are located inside.
- You will receive a mailed notification from United Meters, Inc. prior to installers arriving in your neighborhood. This notification will provide instructions on how to set up an appointment for your water meter to be replaced.
- An adult age 18 or older must be present at all appointments, which will take approximately 30 to 60 minutes.
- The automated water meters will transmit water usage data wirelessly to the Village, but they present no health or data security risks.

We appreciate your cooperation in making this project a success. For other questions or concerns related to this process, please contact Public Works Department at (630) 368-5270.

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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,

As we write this newsletter, it is early February and still very cold and snowy outside. We are all anxiously awaiting the beauty of spring and warmer temperatures. I want to take this opportunity to thank our Public Works Department for their hard work and dedicated service in keeping our roads clear of snow and ice. Spring can never seem to come fast enough!

Looking ahead, the Village Board once again approved an agreement with Pineoak Partners to run Oak Brook Polo for the 2018 season. They have been doing an absolutely marvelous job of putting Oak Brook Polo back on the map, growing the program, and bringing lots of new people to our fine community for spectacular afternoons of Polo. They have many new event ideas for 2018 Polo and we are excited to see what this year brings. June 10, 2018 is the kick-off date. Information on ticket prices and sponsorships are included elsewhere in the newsletter. We hope you place some of the dates on your summer calendar and come out and enjoy an afternoon of Polo.

In addition, it's not too early to start thinking about the annual Taste of Oak Brook! The Taste is set for Tuesday, July 3rd. We are once again working on bringing in top notch restaurants, great musical entertainment, and a variety of activities for both adults and kids to celebrate our nation's Independence Day.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the excellent programs offered at the Oak Brook Public Library. They host several different programs and services that I am sure will please almost everyone. Come out and enjoy your Library! A line up of upcoming spring programs is located in the Library section of this newsletter.

The Village Board, at the recommendation of the Sports Core Advisory Committee, recently approved an agreement with the Oak Brook Park District to run our Pool Operations at the Bath & Tennis Club for the 2018 season. There will be some exciting changes to the pool, swim and tennis programs that we hope our residents and B & T members will appreciate. You will also see the beginnings of some much needed improvements at our Golf Course Clubhouse that will be completed in phases over the next two years.

Without taking away from the Development Services update, some exciting changes in the Sears store are happening at the Oakbrook Center Mall, as well as the construction of a new fast food restaurant at Harger and Spring Roads.

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

Kind regards,

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,

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

As you know, the Village Board created the Sports Core Advisory Committee to assist the Board by making recommendations on issues concerning activities involving golf, tennis, swimming and the use of our open fields. The Committee made a formal recommendation to the Village Board to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Park District to handle the life guarding and programming for the pools at the Bath and Tennis facility. Subsequently, at their January 23rd meeting, the Village Board approved an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Oak Brook Park District for Pool Management Services for the 2018 season. This is a one-year agreement which can be re-visited for possible future years.

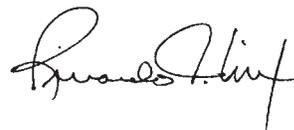
As part of this agreement, the Village will pay the Park District \$255,000 for services which will include Lifeguards, Management and Operations, Supplies, Marketing Materials, and Programming Costs. The Village will continue to operate the concession stand and make the appropriate repairs to the diving boards and the concrete to the pools. Additionally, the Park District will remit any and all revenue back to the Village for the operation less the Park District's costs to provide instructors to teach swim lessons. We wish to thank the Park District Board, Director Laure Kosey and her staff for working with the Village and enhancing the entire Village experience for our residents and patrons.

Additionally, as part of the new changes at the Bath & Tennis facility, Mike Patrick has been hired as the Director of Tennis with the Village of Oak Brook. Mike has a very lengthy background as a tennis professional having worked at the Wheaton Sport Center, Stonebridge Country Club, Five Seasons in Burr Ridge, Oak Brook Tennis Center, Butterfield Country Club and the Hinsdale Golf Club. We look forward to

Mike growing the tennis program and restoring its stature in the tennis community.

Finally, the Village is partnering with the Regional Transportation Authority, the Chamber of Commerce and several property owners near 22nd Street and York Rd. to provide a transportation solution in order to enhance the attraction and retention of top talent to the Oak Brook business community. This service will involve a shuttle service from either the Elmhurst or Hinsdale train stations with transportation to the businesses in the 22nd Street and York Rd. area between 7:00am – 9:30am and 3:30pm – 6:30pm for 25 riders. As part of an intergovernmental agreement, the property owners will provide up to 20% of the funding costs, with the RTA providing funding for the remaining 80%. Through this funding arrangement, the property owners and the RTA will be providing public funding to the Village of Oak Brook, who will contract with a shuttle service provider for the "last-mile" connection services. We are excited about providing this service and hope to make the reverse commute easier for the younger employees living in Chicago and surrounding suburbs, to their jobs in Oak Brook.

Summer is right around the corner and we hope to see all of you at the Taste of Oak Brook and our wonderful fireworks display on Tuesday, July 3rd.



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Warm Weather Encourages Door-to-door Solicitors

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

Non-Commercial Solicitors must register with the Village for the purpose of identification.

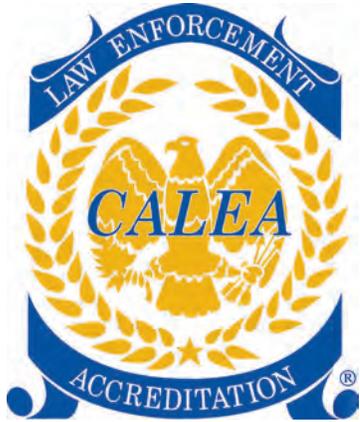
Federal litigation has specified that religious organizations and political parties are exempt from any Village requirements of licensing or registration. Many religious organizations do cooperate and at least provide us with information and are willing to wear our badges.

The Village does not regulate solicitors distributing handbills as long as they do not participate in personal contact with residents unless the resident pursues contact.

Further information can be found at our Village of Oak Brook website at www.oak-brook.org or you can contact the Village Clerk's office at 630-368-5052.

BY JAMES KRUGER

One of the major concepts that I have led by as your police chief is continuous improvement. It is the belief that an organization, or for that matter, an individual can never sit on its laurels or believe that it has attained a certain level of proficiency and stay there. Organizations are living organisms and by their nature are always moving. We can never be in stasis. If we do not strive to move forward, we will surely move backward.



As you know the Oak Brook Police Department has been a nationally accredited police agency for several years, receiving our reaccreditation in 2016 from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA). This past year, we began an initiative to also become accredited on

the state level, the Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program (ILEAP). The state program, similar to CALEA, requires the department to undergo a stringent review of all of our critical policies and procedures to insure they meet the requirements of a professional law enforcement agency and follow best practices. But more importantly, we must demonstrate that we follow our own policies by submitting proofs to document that these policies are living documents and not just a bunch of paper sitting in a binder up on a shelf.

This process takes a tremendous amount of effort from our administrative and support staff, and our operational staff must out live these principles on a daily basis as they provide the very best law enforcement services to our residents. You as a resident may have the question of what does all of this mean for me? Is it worth it?

The fact of the matter is, especially in this day of extreme public scrutiny of the law enforcement profession, accreditation is really a must have than just a nice to have.



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This work demonstrates to you, our customer that we are utilizing our precious resources to the best of our ability. Accreditation also reduces risk, which in turn reduces liability and the costs associated with it. As a matter of fact, our risk

management and insurance provider, IRMA encourages accreditation as a means to insure an agency is doing everything possible to reduce risk and provide the most professional and cost effective service possible.

Accreditation also is an outward sign to all of our stakeholders in the business community as well. It can be an important factor when there is a decision about expanding or locating to Oak Brook. It provides an expectation to what kind of services can be expected from the Police Department, and also some insight to what Oak Brook believes in and the community standards it sets.

I am continually proud of our department and especially the men and women that work every day to provide the best law enforcement services around. It is my hope that you also feel the same way as we continually improve and are never satisfied with the status quo.



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BY BARRY LISS

Fire Safety Is a Full Time Job

With the arrival of spring come blue skies, blooming flowers and spring cleaning. This is the perfect time for a refresher on fire safety tips that should be followed year-round. Keeping fire safety in mind when doing things around the house, like cleaning the dryer's lint filter after each load of laundry, will help prevent fires.

Here are some important spring cleaning home fire safety tips from the National Fire Protection Association:

Fact: The leading cause of home clothes dryer fires is a failure to clean them.

- Clean the lint filter before or after each load of laundry. Remove lint that has collected around the drum.
- Keep the area around your dryer clear of things that can burn, like boxes, cleaning supplies and clothing.

Fact: Working smoke detectors cut the risk of dying in a house fire by half.

- Ensure smoke detectors are properly installed within 15' of every bedroom, and on every level of the home, including the basement.
- Test them at least once a month by pushing the test button.
- Replace batteries in all smoke alarms at least twice a year. If an alarm "chirps," warning the battery is low, replace the battery right away.
- Replace any detector that is older than 10 years.

Fact: Most cooking fires in the home involve the stovetop.

- Keep anything that can catch fire — oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels or curtains — away from your stovetop.
- Always stay in the kitchen when frying on the stovetop. Never leave active cooking unattended.

Fact: Fires caused by faulty extension cords or the overuse and/or misuse of extension cords outnumbered other causes of fires two-to-one.

- Check electrical cords to make sure they are not running across doorways or under carpets. Extension cords are only intended for temporary use.
- Have a qualified electrician add more receptacle outlets so you don't have to use extension cords.

Thoughts as you are cleaning out this spring



- Carbon Monoxide detectors are also required to be properly installed within 15' of every area in your home used for sleeping purposes.
- Test your carbon monoxide alarms, and replace any alarms that are 7 years old or older.
- Check your dryer vents and clean the hosing.
- Clean clutter inside and outside your home.
- Check the cords on your appliances. If any are cracked or frayed, repair or replace them.
- Practice your home fire escape plan.

As the warm weather approaches, remember to check your house for the following:

- Check your fire extinguishers.
- Ensure you have an emergency preparedness kit in case of incidents such as power outages and flooding.
- Practice your family's fire escape plan so everyone knows what to do in case of an emergency.
- Windows should be checked to ensure they open and close properly, in case they are needed as an exit.
- Properly store household chemicals and never mix cleaning agents.
- Recycle: Get rid of old newspapers, magazines and junk mail. These items tend to pile up and can greatly contribute to the severity and spread of fire.
- Check and clean filters above stove.
- Pull refrigerator out and vacuum or dust the coils.
- Always keep stairs and landings clear for safe evacuation in event of an emergency.

Smart911 - Are you Ready for Emergencies?

The Emergency Telephone System Board of DuPage County offers Smart 911, a free innovative public safety service. Smart911 is available in DuPage County and all participating dispatch centers across the United States.

Smart911 enhances the information that a 911 call can provide and helps first responders help you faster during an emergency. More than 26,000 DuPage County households have already signed up—and you can too.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Citizens create an online profile through a secure website at www.Smart911.com. This profile contains information that might be important in an emergency. If you place a 911 call anywhere within DuPage County, your profile is displayed to the 911 dispatcher at the Emergency Communications Center, and the information is relayed to first responders. Your profile is only visible to the 911 dispatcher when you dial 911.

HOW DOES SMART911 HELP?

Seconds count in an emergency, and first responders who are better informed can help you faster. Smart911 can help with:

- **Mobile phones:** Approximately 72% of 911 calls come from mobile phones. These numbers are not listed with an address, and an exact location can't always be determined by GPS. Smart911 displays the address of the mobile phone user and will track the call via GPS, even if the call is disconnected.
- **Missing children:** It can take up to an hour to acquire an accurate photo of a child and disseminate it. When you provide a child's photo in your Smart911 profile, it can be forwarded immediately to officers in the field or news channels.
- **Unresponsive callers:** Individuals may not be able to speak because they are unconscious, have a medical condition or be in a situation where it is dangerous to speak. Smart911 medical information will be displayed so that first responders will know of existing medical conditions and how to treat them.
- **House fire or carbon monoxide alarms:** The Smart911 profile can list family members, photos, bedroom locations and even pets to assist fire fighters in more quickly locating everyone to rescue or render aid.

WHAT DETAILS ARE SHARED?

You decide. Smart911 allows you to store any critical care and emergency rescue information in your online profile. Information can include children's photos, medical conditions, vehicle information, home addresses of mobile phone callers, disabilities, orders of protection, restraining orders or other rescue-related information. **It's secure and confidential** — see Smart911's [Privacy Policy](#).

HOW DO I REGISTER?

The [registration process](#) is quick and easy—just four simple steps! After completing the steps, you will have a chance to add optional information or edit the information you have provided. You must complete every step, or the service will not work until you have added and confirmed a phone number. Smart911 will also remind you to update your profile every six months. Please check out <https://www.smart911.com> to register.

WHO CAN SIGN UP?

Smart 911 is a national service that is available free to everyone. We encourage anyone who lives, works or visits DuPage County to create a profile to help our first responders better serve you when you dial 911. The service can be especially valuable to households with young children, seniors, or anyone with a physical or mental disability. Sign up today—and tell your family and friends about this valuable service, too.

Plan Ahead for Any Emergency

Sign up for Smart911 so first responders will be aware of important information to help you when you call 9-1-1.



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BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

Economic Development Update – Spring 2018

Sears, L.L. Bean, Ballard Design and KidZania – Sears temporarily closed in early September 2017 and is moving out of all but the lower level of their existing 3-story, 250,000 square foot store. Sears will be occupying about 80,000 square feet of space on the lower level and is targeting a reopening in summer 2018. L.L. Bean and Ballard Design have executed leases for 18,000 SF and 15,000 SF on the 2nd floor with two (2) additional tenant spaces remaining to be leased.



In concert with this renovation work and the re-tenanting, KidZania, a children's entertainment business will be occupying the 3rd floor of the Sears store and this space will be about 80,000 square feet in total. In the KidZania concept, kids independently explore a kid-sized city with over 100 exciting careers that they can participate in and role-play. The Oak Brook store will be one of two U.S. locations for KidZania which currently has 24 locations worldwide, and is expected to open in the summer of 2019. To learn more, see www.kidzania.us.



Shake Shack – a fast casual restaurant that originated in Madison Square Park in Manhattan. Shake Shack started as a hot dog stand to support the Madison Square Conservancy's first art installation. The restaurant will



begin construction this spring and be located at 1950 Spring Road, at the northwest corner of Harger Road and Spring Road. Shake Shack serves burgers, hot dogs, frozen custard, shakes, beer, wine and more. To learn more, see www.shakeshack.com.

Water Damage/ Flooding

Many of us can remember the James Taylor song *Fire and Rain*. Unfortunately, there often is a correlation between these two events. Water infiltration and/or flooding can create serious hazards that may not appear for days, weeks, months, or even years after the initial event.

Sadly, this is the case in a home that was subject to basement flooding during the recent storms. The water came up and caused a significant amount of damage. If that wasn't bad enough, an electrical appliance that had been exposed to the water started a fire.

Water can cause unexpected, hidden, and massive damage to the indoor air quality, electrical, fuel gas, thermal, and structural components of your home. The Village of Oak Brook has adopted the *2015 International Property Maintenance Code* which contains specific guidelines for addressing water damage in structures. Development Services inspectors are available to visit your home and provide expert assistance with your remediation plan. As your village employees, we are there to view the damage, review the work plan, and verify that the work is carried out according to the approved plan. This will involve permits- the cost of which are typically covered by the insurance company. Even if they are not- we provide the most economical professional third-party oversight found anywhere.

If you have water damage or flooding in your home, please contact Development Services 630/368-5101 development_services@oak-brook.org so that we can help return your home to the safety that you deserve.

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Information Technology Department

BY JIM FOX

2018 SPRING UPDATE

The Village's Information Technology Division is committed to providing secure, proven, innovative technologies that enhance operational efficiencies while providing convenient access to government information and services for Village residents, businesses, and visitors. During the downturn in the economy, the Village turned to technology to cut costs—and create innovative ways to improve services for Village residents. To this end, we produced a three-pronged service delivery plan to: consolidate information and communication technology services, increase transparency and collaboration across the enterprise, and digitize processes, forms and workflow.

With a shared understanding of the value new technology could bring to Oak Brook, the Village tasked the Information Technology Services Department to spearhead a Village-wide information management overhaul to consolidate and standardize our information technology systems and services.

The Village has worked hard to consolidate technology functions while still providing flexibility for departments to run efficiently. For example, in 2014, we replaced our document imaging system with the Laserfiche content management system. The previous document imaging system was used primarily in the Village Clerk's office. The new system is being used in every Village department where Village employee create and store documents electronically eliminating the need to print and store paper documents.

The Village's ongoing strategy to consolidate services and decrease costs has continued to pay dividends. In 2016, the Village released an RFP to consolidate and standardize all copying and printing functions. With the addition of print management software, the Village is able reduce direct paper print costs with an annual savings of over \$18,000.

In the future, the Village's Information Technology Department will continue to focus on improving technologies for our workforce and in the workplace to improve operational efficiency and cut costs with the ultimate goal of improving the services we deliver to Village residents.



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HOTELS OF OAK BROOK

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BY JACOB POST

LIBRARY NOTES

Each April, the Oak Brook Public Library is honored to join libraries all across the country in celebrating National Library Week. This event aims to highlight the many ways libraries transform their communities through the services and expertise they offer. This year, National Library Week takes place from April 8 to April 14. Stop in that week for special activities and programs.

April is also the month the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library hold their annual Used Book Sale. This sale has over 8,000 gently used items that are carefully selected from generous donations. The items are organized by genre and this year there is a wide array of DVDs and CDs. Do not miss this great opportunity to find treasured titles at low prices. The sale runs from Thursday, April 19 to Saturday, April 21. There is an early entrance fee of \$5 per person to enter the sale on Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. After 2 pm, there is no entry fee for the remainder of the sale. There is an additional \$5 charge for those wishing to use an electronic scanning device within the book sale. Cash or check will be accepted. Members of the Friends are permitted free early entry. If you want first crack at the books and want to save \$5, become a member of the Friends today! We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and assist with the sale. If interested, please contact the Library.

Don't miss the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library's Silent Auction, which runs from March 12 until April 21 in the lobby of the Library. The auction has a dozen or so selections that are sure to pique your curiosity.

On Sunday, May 6, the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library's Evergreen Concert will feature Guitarra Azul, a Chicago based ensemble. Guitarra Azul is an exciting blend of Rumba Flamenco, Latin Jazz and World Sounds with intoxicating Latin percussion & fiery Spanish guitars. The concert will be held at 3 pm in the Friends Meeting Room with refreshments to be served afterwards. This is the first of two Evergreen Concerts the Friends present each year. Seating begins at 2:30 pm and fills up fast. We hope to see everyone at this vivacious performance!

Finally, the Library is proud to announce that on May 1 it will be joining the SWAN Library Consortium. The Oak Brook Public Library will be 1 of 19 libraries making the transition to SWAN this Spring. The move will allow greater access to materials and resources for Oak Brook residents. SWAN is a library consortium of about 100 libraries in the Chicagoland area and has been providing library support since 1974. More information and details can be found at the Library and on its website.

SPRING CALENDAR

APRIL

Illinois Watercolor Society Meeting and Artist Demonstration

Saturday, April 7 @ 10 am

Peggy Macnamara, Artist-in-Residence at Chicago's Field Museum and Professor at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, will be the demonstration artist. Her focus will be on the study of nature.



Springtime with Kym Frankovelgia

Saturday, April 7 @ 2 pm

Kym Frankovelgia will sing all of your favorite Spring/Love classics. Celebrate the season as she takes your requests and invites you to sing along. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**



Fall Prevention: Got Balance?

Monday, April 23 @ 3 pm

Pamela Kuschel, ACE Personal Trainer / BioMechanics Corrective Exercise Specialist, will present ways to improve balance and strengthen your core.

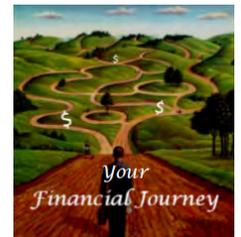
Prevent a Fall



Your Financial Longevity – Part 1

Saturday, April 28 @ 10 am

Anne Morgan, a 30-year Oak Brook resident and advisor with a fortune 4000 company, will reveal how families benefit from market ups and downs, how to provide tax-free income for college and retirement and how to pay off your mortgage early to secure your financial legacy.



MAY

Social Security Workshop

Thursday, May 3 @ 7pm

Wally Brown and Eric Rosenbloom will cover ways to maximize Social Security income and when to start receiving benefits.



Finding Lasting Happiness through Meditation

Saturday, May 5 @ 2pm

Join long-time meditator Renate Lanotte, MS LCSW, to learn this simple and highly effective method to help still your restless mind and reconnect with your Source.



**Evergreen Concert – Guitarra Azul
Sunday, May 6 @ 2pm**

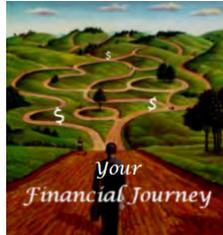
Guitarra Azul is an exciting blend of Rumba Flamenco, Latin Jazz and World Sounds with intoxicating Latin percussion & fiery Spanish guitars. Guitarra Azul performs as an ensemble with the passion only authentic flamenco can bring for a full, stunning afternoon of musical entertainment.



back as they put their own spin on a classic story. In this new musical adaptation, they follow a young duckling born in the Lincoln Park Zoo as their journey helps them to find where they belong. Along the way we meet quirky zoo animals of all types and learn valuable lessons about confidence and respect.

**Your Financial Longevity – Part 2
Saturday, May 19 @ 10am**

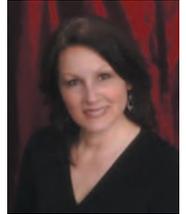
Anne Morgan, Oak Brook Resident and advisor, continues your financial journey explaining how long-term care can protect your retirement assets and fit into your financial planning and wealth preservation.



**Sentimental Journey Concert with
Nora Drysch**

Saturday, June 16 @ 2 pm

Vocalist Nora Drysch will be showcasing various artists, tempos and languages with an all-new lineup of beloved standards from the 30s to the early 60s. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**



**The Poetry of Caregiving
Saturday, May 19 @ 2pm**

Author Caroline Johnson writes about the necessary suffering and grace that caregivers experience in her first full-length poetry collection, *The Caregiver*. This event will feature a reading from her collection, book signing, live music and more.



**Todd Downing Music Show: Tall Tales
& Silly Songs**

Thursday, June 21 @ 10:30 am

Singer, songwriter and comedian Todd Downing has been entertaining and educating kids for many years. With his guitar, puppets and unexpected quips, he keeps audiences surprised and delighted. Covering a wide range of topics, Todd has kids singing, dancing and jumping to some of the wittiest and entertaining tunes ever heard!



**Concert – Stellio Trio
Sunday, May 20 @ 2pm**

Join us for a relaxing afternoon of beautiful music by Beethoven, Brahms and Mendelssohn.



**Her Hamilton: As Told by His Wife,
Eliza**

Saturday, June 23 @ 2 pm

Lynn Rymarz will present the true story of one of our Founding Fathers of our nation, Alexander Hamilton. Hear it from his wife Eliza's point of view as she tells of his early beginnings in the West Indies and the road that took him to America. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.**



JUNE

**Illinois Watercolor Society Meeting
and Artist Demonstration
Saturday, June 2 @ 10 am**

Eileen Mueller Neill will be the featured artist. She has been illustrating and designing for publishers and ad agencies for over forty years and has exhibited across the country, winning numerous awards.



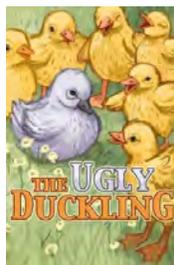
**Daniel Ziesemer Violin Concert
Saturday, June 30 @ 2 pm**

Enjoy beautiful melodies from the past as violinist Daniel Ziesemer and pianist Jacob Bernhardt present cherished favorites and forgotten gems.



**Improv Playhouse Theater Presents:
The Ugly Duckling
Wednesday, June 6 @ 7 pm**

The Improv Playhouse does a wonderful job of incorporating songs, humor and audience participation to make any production an enjoyable experience. The Oak Brook Public Library welcomes them



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BY DOUG PATCHIN

SPRING 2018

This winter, again with a lighter than normal snow season, Public Works staff has been busy working with a contractor at the Sports Core property, removing the invasive brush “Buckthorn,” and some Ash and “standing” dead trees. The work area includes both sides of the Bath and Tennis Drive and around the pool and pond. Staff is also trimming back the brush in the Right-of-Way, where it continues to encroach onto the roadway.



With the late fall of the leaves last Autumn, Village crews were still able to pick up 3800 cubic yards of raked leaves however, some yards may still have fallen leaves to be disposed. Starting April 2nd, yard waste collection will resume on Mondays along with the normal scheduled curbside waste pickup. Just a reminder, yard waste must be disposed of in the approved 90-gallon totter or in 33-gallon biodegradable paper bags, with a yard waste sticker attached.

Also be advised, the Village does not offer a brush pickup. Brush must be disposed through a Tree Service or landscape contractor. Small amounts of branches may be tied together in bundles approximately 4 feet long and 2 feet in diameter, not to exceed 50 pounds, and a yard waste sticker must also be attached.

Yard waste stickers can be purchased at the Butler Government Center (Village Hall), the Oak Brook Public Library, and at Jewel Foods in Westmont, on the corner of Cass and Ogden. Please remember, you can also look on the Village’s website for more information.

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.



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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BY JASON PAPROCKI

FINANCE REPORT

2018 Budget Approved

The Village Board approved the 2018 Municipal Budget on December 12, 2017. The 2018 Budget continues to be 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 taken into account when compiling the municipal budget. Some of the issues the Village faces include long-term stability of the sales tax base, increasing pension obligations, rising health care costs, and the funding for vehicle, equipment, and building capital improvements.

The Village's General Fund cash reserve balance deserves special mention as it continues to be an important aspect in the Village's position of fiscal strength. One of the Village's financial policies is to maintain a cash balance reserve of at least six months of operating expenditures in the General Fund. The projected ending cash balance for 2018 in the General Fund is \$16.9 million, which is equal to 9.2 months of operating expenses. This is \$5.9 million above the Village's six-month operating reserve requirement. In total, the Village projects to end 2018 with a healthy cash balance of \$32.1 million across all funds. It's common practice for certain funds to accumulate and reserve money over a period of time before expending it on major capital projects.

The total Village-wide 2018 budgeted revenues are \$52.3 million, a 4.3% increase from the 2017 Budget. This is mainly due to installment contract proceeds from an assumed debt issuance in the General Fund and a budgeted increase in water rates in the Water Fund. The total 2018 budgeted revenues include \$26.2 million in the General Fund, which is the Village's main operating fund. The General Fund houses many key functions of the Village, including police, fire, public works, library, and general administration. Sales taxes for the General Fund account for nearly half of the General Fund revenues. General Fund sales tax revenue is projected to be \$12.5 million in 2018, or 4.6% lower than last year's budget. The Village collected nearly \$12.5 million in general sales tax for 2017, which was down nearly \$500,000 from 2016. The decrease is primarily due to non-routine sales tax receipts received during 2016.

The total Village-wide 2018 budgeted expenditures are \$56.2 million, which is up 9.4% compared to the 2017 budget. This is primarily due to a proposed \$2.5 million Police Department renovation capital project. The 2018 budget includes increases in operation & contractual, other expenditures, and capital outlay, but is offset by decreases in personnel and materials & supplies. Excluding capital expenditures, the 2018 budgeted expenditures increased \$222,815, or 0.5%, compared to the 2017 Budget.

Some of the major capital projects for 2018 are:

- Police Department expansion and renovation, \$2.5 million
- Annual street paving program, \$2.8 million
- York Road/Harger Road Intersection, \$1.2 million
- Water meter and radio collectors replacement, \$2.4 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 2018 approved Budget and Five Year Plan are available on the Village's website at <https://www.oak-brook.org/304/Financial-Documents>. Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Water Rate Increase

Water rates increased 7% effective January 1, 2018. The residential rate increased from \$9.35 to \$10.00 per 1,000 gallons and the non-resident rate increased from \$11.04 to \$11.48 per 1,000 gallons. The monthly fixed charge of \$10 per account remains 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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BY SEAN CREED

WELCOME 2018 GOLF SEASON!

As I write this it's one of those sunny, frigid days that the thought of golf would be impossible, except for those fortunate enough to be someplace warm.

Hopefully by the time you read this the golf season will already be in full swing.

Jeff Kawucha, our Head Golf Professional and Claudine Boettger, our Assistant Golf Professional, along with the rest of the staff are ready to make your 2018 golf season at OBGC one of the best.

We are happy to announce that we will have a new fleet of golf carts arriving to make your round that more enjoyable. We also are planning cart path improvements, a new cart wash station and maybe a new tee box or two.

As many of you know, we have been planning golf clubhouse improvements and are anticipating that we will have plans by the end of February, with work being done during the 2018 season. The two areas we hope to complete will be the golf pro shop and the outdoor patio. The remaining areas, the lounge and bathrooms will be done as soon as it is fiscally possible.

As the year progresses, we hope to see everyone enjoy the Sports Core in whatever capacity suits you. Don't forget polo season starts in June and runs through September with nine polo Sundays planned. Please see the village website for details.

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Village of Oak Brook

General Primary Election – March 20, 2018

For the Nomination of Federal, State, and County Officials and for the election of Precinct Committeemen

March 20, 2018 General Primary Election:

- Last day to register or transfer voter registration at the Village of Oak Brook Village Hall – Tuesday, February 20
- Last day for online registration – Sunday, March 4
 - Valid Illinois drivers license or state ID required
- Grace period for registration and voting:
 - Election Commission office – Wednesday, February 21 through Tuesday, March 20
- Early Voting in DuPage, Illinois
 - In light of the February 5, 2018 Appellate Court Order For Stay Pending Appeal in Rottman v. ISBE, et al., No. 18-0234 in reference to the Attorney General race, ballots will not be ready as anticipated by February 12th.
 - Should ballots be available prior to February 21st, we will update our website. In the interim, any voters who arrive at the Election Commission office will be provided with an application to Vote By Mail.
 - When Early Voting and Grace Period Registration does commence, it will be offered ONLY at the office of the DuPage County Election Commission, 421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton, from 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday through Friday, and Saturday, from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm through March 3, 2018.
 - Starting March 5, 2018, the Early Voting location at the County Complex (421 N. County Farm Rd., Wheaton) will move from Room 1-600 to the 2nd Floor Cafeteria, along with expanding to 10 additional sites throughout the County.

Additional Information is available on our Village Website at www.oak-brook.org

Charlotte Pruss, Village Clerk 630-368-5052

DuPage County Election Commission 630-407-5600 www.dupageelections.com

Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club



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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 venue is ready and waiting for you to express your imagination and share in your vision.



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