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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,

We are fast approaching an always busy – but exciting – holiday season! At this time of year, it is always good to look forward to sharing time with family and friends but it is also good to look back at the year coming to a close and to reflect on all the good things that have happened in our Village in 2018.

Thanks to the dedication of several of our residents, the Sports Core Advisory Committee is busy making plans for improvements and updates of the Sports Core Amenities. The Village had a successful partnership with the Oak Brook Park District for the summer pool operations. As anticipated, pool operations went smoothly and was a positive experience for all. The tennis programs were very popular this year and court use was very busy almost every day from Spring into Fall. The Bath & Tennis Clubhouse rentals have never been busier with events booked every weekend in 2018 and booking up fast for 2019 with some bookings into 2020. The addition of a new sign at Bath & Tennis Club drive and heavy brush clean up along the drive and pool area have received a lot of positive feedback. Not to be outdone, golf as always, was just as busy. Updates have begun on the golf clubhouse patio adding outdoor seating, fire pits and a pergola. Updates to the Pro Shop will begin in January.

The Oak Brook Public Library has had huge attendance numbers at the events they held this past summer and continue to bring in residents for continued library programs and reading fun!

This year we had another successful electric aggregation program. Dynergy was selected as the supplier for a most competitive term beginning October 2018 through October 2021 at a rate of \$.07115 per/Kwh.

If you haven't already visited Village Hall, the new addition to the Police Department is completed along with the addition of electric car charging stations in the east parking lot and new landscaping along the Village Hall east side walkway.

During the Village's 2010 water rate study, Chicago's water rates were projected to increase by a modest amount. However, in 2011 the new Chicago administration announced a 4-year rate

increase (25%, 15%, 15% and 15%) starting January 2012. This high rate increase was justified by Chicago to pay for its aging infrastructure which supplies water to the City and Suburbs. The DuPage Water Commission (DWC) purchases water from Chicago and then sells it to the DuPage County Municipalities including Oak Brook. DWC also increased its water rates to adjust for the Chicago increase as well as increases in its own expenditures. Over the 4 years of increase, the Village did not raise its water rates enough to keep up with the increases. The difference was paid from the Village's Water Funds healthy reserve balance that we created.

During the 2015 rate study it was determined that the Village's water rates should increase by 10% (instead of 25%) in years 2016 and 2017 and a 7% increase in 2018. These increases would help to rebuild the Water Funds reserve to meet the future capital project needs. In 2018 these capital projects included the system wide water meter and meter radio read replacement and a comprehensive study of the water system which will be used to prioritize future water main replacement projects. At their December 11th meeting, the Village Board reduced the increase in water rates to 5% for 2019.

Also at the December 11th Board meeting, after a long and thorough review of the Jupiter Condominium Development, the Village Board voted to approve the construction of the luxury condominium project. The Village Board and our staff worked diligently for our community to preserve our heritage while simultaneously embracing this prestigious and modern development.

The Village Board held two workshops in November on the 2019 Budget and discussed the major issues facing Oak Brook as we move into a new fiscal year. The Village Board remains committed to conservative spending while investing in our community. Based on the budget which was approved, the projected ending cash balance for 2019 in the General Corporate Fund is \$17.5 million, or 9.3 months of operating expenses, which far exceeds our Village policy that requires us to maintain a cash balance of 6 months of operating expenses.

Have a happy, healthy and safe holiday season!

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 Village Board held two Committee Workshops related to the 2019 budget. The Public Hearing on the 2019 budget and its approval was held at the December 11th Board Meeting.

This was an incredibly busy year for our staff. We experienced a number of retirements of long-time friends and employees – 5 in the Police Department alone. Renovation to our Village Hall with the new Police Department addition was finally completed and provides increased security for our officers. Our development within the Village brought us several new exciting businesses, concepts and restaurants which included:

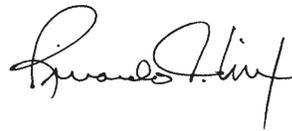
- The grand re-opening of Sears which featured Jaclyn Smith.
- The ground breaking for Carvana, where you can buy a car on-line then pick it up at their newly built “car vending machine” or have it delivered to your door!
- We saw an airplane being put into Kidzania at the Oakbrook Mall, so children can have an incredible learning experience.
- The Lizadro museum began renovation of their new home where our residents and visitors can gain appreciation for the unique characteristics of the mineral world.
- Rock Sugar, Roka Akor and Shake Shack restaurants have opened.
- The Village partnered with the Regional Transportation Authority, the Greater Oak Brook Chamber and the property owners on 22nd St. to begin a new shuttle service for their

employees.

- We entered into a successful partnership with the Oak Brook Park District to manage our pool which led to one of our most successful seasons to date.
- Constructed a new sign at the entrance to our Bath and Tennis Club.
- Had another successful Taste of Oak Brook, and
- We viewed the conceptual redevelopment of the McDonald's Plaza by Hines.

This year's Polo season continued to be a very successful one. Polo marked their 40th Anniversary since the last U.S. Open Polo Championship was played in Oak Brook. 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 thank the Village Board for their support and our staff for the incredible work ethic they display every year. Also, I want to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season. I look forward to our continued success in 2019.



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Sports Core

BY SEAN CREED

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 2019 season.

Our patio project has been coming along, by the time spring arrives next year it will have taken on a totally new look that I hope everyone can enjoy. We are also looking forward to having a new look in our golf pro shop which will include new flooring, lighting, a new transaction counter and much more.

Stay tuned to email blasts and website for course conditions, construction updates 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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BY JAMES KRUGER

One of the great joys of serving as your Police Chief is working alongside some of the most dedicated and professional police officers I have ever worked with in my career. On October 5, 2018 at 3:51 A.M., our Officers responded to a traffic crash off the ramp on I-88 at Rt. 83 where the vehicle overturned on its roof. Upon the officer's arrival, they observed the engine compartment fully engulfed in flames and a female driver trapped in the vehicle. While Officers Peterson and Walsh used extinguishers to suppress the fire, Officer Baca utilized his baton to break the back passenger window and Sergeant Ramirez and Officer Marek then pulled the driver from the vehicle to safety. Battalion Chief Clark stated that upon the Fire Department's arrival, the vehicle was fully involved in fire to a point that would have most likely proved fatal had the driver not been removed by responding officers. Besides my extreme pride in the performance of what these officers did, I was able to present them the Department's Meritorious Service Honor Award at the November 13th Village Board meeting. I know that all of you join me in congratulating these officers for a job well done.

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

On behalf of the men and women of the Police Department, I would like to thank the Oak Brook Women's Club for their generous philanthropic gift to purchase collapsible stretchers for all of our vehicles. The stretchers can potentially be a lifesaving piece of equipment used to evacuate victims from an in progress emergency. Once again, the Oak Brook Police Department is grateful for this annual opportunity and appreciates all the Women's Club does to promote the Village of Oak Brook.



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

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

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



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BY BARRY LISS

PARTICIPATE IN THE NEXT CITIZEN'S FIRE ACADEMY

The Citizen's Fire Academy (CFA) is 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.

The 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 nine (9) 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 6, 2019 and meet every Wednesday at the Oak Brook Fire Department's Training Room from 6:30pm until 9:30 pm.

Anyone interested must complete an application, which can be found on the Village's web site and 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.



New Apple Watch

There has been a rise of accidental 911 calls from residents' smart watches.

When Apple released its new watch about one year ago, it came with a new feature that lets users press and hold a button on the side of the device to call 911 for help. Since then, 911 call centers across the country, and in the Chicago area, have been experiencing a problem with accidental calls.

When you wear the watch and bend at the wrist, it can put pressure on the button which will then call 911. It takes about three seconds of pressing the button for the call to go out. It will also alert your emergency contact. The watch will then make a loud beeping noise. Some people don't know that this feature has been activated on their device.

These accidental calls are happening more than people may think. It can even be activated during sleep, when people wear

the watches to monitor their sleep habits. If they fall asleep on the button in a certain way, it can force the watch to call 911. Calls have been reported coming from people working out or even driving.

If the watch calls, and no voice contact is received, 9-1-1-telecommunication operators will attempt to call you back on your cellphone. If you can, stay on the line and explain it was just a mistake so they don't have to send help.

There is a way to disable the feature on an Apple Watch:

- Go to the Apple Watch app
- Click "Emergency SOS"
- Click off "Hold Side Button"

As for the watch itself and the feature, some say it's a great resource.

A joyous season for the **Village of Oak Brook** is a fire safe season. 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. Enjoy a fire safe holiday season.

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

Have your Chimneys 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.



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 extinguishers 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.

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Information Technology Services

BY JIM FOX

TECHNOLOGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Village President Dr. Gopal Lalimalani will soon be creating a new Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) that will provide a community perspective on Information Technology (IT) within Village Operations and to be an advocate for the Village’s IT Strategic Plan.

The Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) will be an advisory committee to the Village Board of Trustees and to the Village’s Administrative Staff whose primary charge will be to support the development of information technology goals and the development of technology strategies.

The committee membership will include a combination of Village residents, business community members, Village staff, and a liaison from the Village Board tasked with encouraging ideas and participation in technology adoption, policies, and evaluate service standards within given resource levels. Generally speaking, the high-level objectives of the TAC will be to:

- Serve as a forum for the sharing of ideas, trends, and perspectives in IT and their municipal applications.
- Offer Village residents possessing knowledge and experience in relevant areas of IT the opportunity to provide the Village Board and staff with feedback on such issues.
- Advise the Village Board and staff on current and proposed IT-related projects, services, and methods of leveraging technology to provide service to Village residents and businesses.
- Provide technical expertise and act as a liaison between Village residents and staff.

- Provide “vendor-neutral” recommendations regarding IT solutions, where appropriate.

Committee members must live or work in the Village and who can demonstrate, through their application materials, that they possess a background in or a specific knowledge in information technology.

It is anticipated that the TAC will work to improve our Village Resident’s ability to gather accurate information, perform transactions, and track progress on Village initiatives for service. Specifically, TAC can provide value by:

- Recommending and/or identify IT-related policies for the Village of Oak Brook.
- Review and address technology issues that affect a resident’s ability to “do business” with or receive services from the Village of Oak Brook.
- Recommend proposals for new technology and IT services.
- Recommend requests for funding to Village Administration.
- Recommend a Strategic IT Plan and review on a yearly basis.

If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee, please check the Village of Oak Brook’s website www.oak-brook.org for up-to-date on information on the Committee formation and to obtain an application for appointment form.

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We'll handle it from here.®

The Drastically Changing Recycling World

As many of us are becoming increasingly aware, recycling has reached a crisis and this crisis is affecting recycling programs nationwide, including Chicago and the surrounding areas.

Contamination has become rampant throughout local recycling programs. This problem was recently compounded by China's decision to impose new acceptance criteria, effectively eliminating end-markets for many recyclers. These factors have reached a crisis point and they jeopardize the future of local recycling programs.

What is the new problem the world is having with recycling and how did we get here?

In May of 2018, China suspended all imports of U.S. recycled materials, regardless of quality. In June, the Chinese government decided to again allow imports of recycled materials, but would only accept contaminated recycling material at 0.5% of the total material received. That means that China would virtually not accept ANY recycled material that had any quantity of trash or other material not recyclable in it.

Why is that an issue for the United States?

- 1) On average, the recyclables collected from an American household have over 30% contamination (or waste). In most cases, this is due to the lack of understanding of what should and should not be recycled.
- 2) This means virtually overnight we cannot export recyclable material collected and processed from local businesses and consumers.
- 3) China was importing over 40% of ALL the recycled material (even if contaminated) in the world, and was the largest market for recyclables globally.

What is happening now?

Recycling companies no longer have the markets to sell their recyclables to as they once did. The price people are willing to pay for this oversupply is dropping dramatically. In other areas of the country, this means that more and more of the material people think is being recycled is ending up in our ever-shrinking landfill space vs. being recycled.

Do we have any power to help change this recycling dilemma?

The answer is yes. Making a small effort at home can make a big impact at the recycling facility. The recycling crisis requires that consumers know what should be recycled, what should not be recycled and how to recycle properly. That means paying close attention to what can and cannot be accepted in our local recycling program, and only put items in the recycling containers that CAN be recycled. We know that it can be hard to tell what can and should be recycled.

Know What to Throw:

If you are unsure if an item is recyclable or not, focus on these materials:

- Paper and cardboard (flattened cardboard, newspapers, magazines, office paper and mail)
- Metal cans (soda and soup cans)
- Plastic bottles and jugs (water bottles and other food and liquid containers with lids on)
- Glass bottles and jars

What should NOT go into the recycling container?

Believe it or not, the most common contaminants we see in the everyday recycling stream are:

- Plastic grocery bags and flexible packaging
- Styrofoam containers and packing material
- Plastic cups, utensils and take-out containers
- Pizza boxes, napkins or tissues soiled with grease or food residue
- Scrap metal, clothes hangers and other metal objects
- Toys and plastic objects other than food or beverage containers

Trying to recycle unclean or unrecyclable materials causes contaminants in the bales of clean recyclables that can cause them to be rejected.

What Else Can NEVER Be Recycled?

- Tissue, paper towels or paper napkins
- Shrink wrap and composite packaging
- Food and beverage waste
- Paper coffee cups and lids
- Plastic # 6
- Plastic cases and storage containers
- K-cups
- Plastic strapping and rubber bands
- Window glass, mirrors, light bulbs, batteries, and cookware
- Batteries and electronics

Empty, Clean & Dry

Some items might be recyclable, but require a little extra handling before putting the item into the recycling container. A perfectly good item such as a cardboard box can be ruined when combined with items that are wet or dirty, such as a half full bottle of ketchup or ranch dressing. If you want to recycle your plastic food containers, please take the extra steps to prepare your recyclables for the recycling container – it's as easy as: Empty. Clean. Dry.™

Always make sure recyclables are:

- EMPTY of their contents;
- CLEAN of any residue (a quick rinse in the sink will do); and
- DRY before placing them in a recycling container.

It is better to have an item in doubt go into the landfill than create problems at a recycling facility, and have an entire batch or truckload of recyclable material go into a landfill because of a dirty or unrecyclable item.

We hope this information is helpful. If we each do our part, we can make a big difference in the recycling process. For more information we invite you to visit:

www.recyclingsimplified.com

BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

Construction projects are on-going throughout the year and it's helpful and important to understand the Village's review process. Here are a few tips from Bill Hudson, the Village's Building Official to help make your construction project go smoother.

Protect yourself:

- ✓ Remember the wise words of John Ruskin: *"There is hardly anything in this world that some man cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper, and those who consider price only are this man's lawful prey."*
- ✓ Before signing any home repair or remodeling contract over \$1,000, a person engaging in the business of home repair and remodeling is required in Illinois to provide the customer with a copy of the **"Home Repair: Know Your Consumer Rights"** pamphlet from the Attorney General.

Let us help to protect you.

- ✓ Get a permit when one is required. A permit is always required, unless specifically exempted by the code. <http://www.oak-brook.org/DocumentCenter/View/6843/Building-Codes-Adopted-and-Local-Amendments-2016-12-28?bidId> Work done without a permit is illegal and can present a danger to you and your family. If a contractor tells you that he/she can do the work "under the table", remember *"If they will steal FOR you, they will steal FROM you."*
- ✓ Make sure the contract includes a condition that payment is made only after the portion of the work for which payment is requested has been inspected and approved by village and a copy of the report is submitted. The inspector will typically leave two copies on site.
- ✓ The Village employs trained professionals with years of experience for the express purpose of protecting our residents. You could hire an independent third-party consulting firm to verify that the construction is done safely and legally, but this is provided in the permit.

Be complete: The most important factor in shortening review time is the completeness of the plans.

- ✓ Applicants are advised to review zoning and building code regulations, and check for any land use conditions that may apply to the parcel.
- ✓ Provide the fair market project value, at prevailing wage. You may have utilized found materials and compensated your cousin's nephew's brother's friend with just a sandwich, but that's not the project value.
- ✓ Provide enough information so that everybody; owner, contractor, plan reviewer, & inspector can look at the construction documents (with no prior exposure) and know exactly what to expect for each item and detail.
- ✓ If the property is in an HOA, please obtain association approval for any exterior work.
- ✓ If you are served by Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District, please apply for a permit when doing any work.

✓ Provide contacts:

- If the plans have been created by a registered design professional (Architect or Engineer) the first point of contact for corrections will be that professional.
- Names and licenses of Plumbers (055... & 058... State licenses), Electricians (License from a testing jurisdiction or ICC certification), and Roofers (State license).

Respond quickly:

- ✓ When staff comments on a specific plan, applicants should respond as quickly as possible. Submittals, both initial and resubmittals are reviewed in a first-in-first-out basis. We attempt to review all plans in a timely manner. On occasion the responses are delayed and we receive a call asking "What's the hold up on my permit?", and we frequently reply that comments were sent out "X" weeks ago, and we're waiting for responses.

Take advantage of alternate review options:

- ✓ There is a "Fast Track" option offered for smaller projects:
 - Apply for a permit in the regular manner – be sure to provide complete information.
 - Request to schedule a fast track meeting with a plan reviewer.
 - Meet with the plan reviewer. If you have supplied everything needed, the permit is typically ready to be issued within 3-5 working days.
 - There is a \$75 additional fee for a fast track permit.
- ✓ There is a "Phased Permit" option:
 - Request a phased permit to do a portion of the project before the full permit is issued, i.e. demolition.
 - Staff does a quick review to see if there are any major issues.
 - Pay for the entire permit including the phased permit fee (50% addition to the standard permit fee).
 - Start work at your own risk.
- ✓ Request a resubmittal meeting:
 - Once comments have been received and corrections have been completed, request a resubmittal meeting, where all licensed design professionals resubmit their work in a pre-arranged meeting. All required personnel must be in personal attendance.
 - There is no additional charge for this service.

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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 the Youth Services department offers. The story time will include books, music, and a craft. Do you appreciate art? The Oak Brook Art League continues to display 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 starts December 20 and runs through March 1. 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

Vagabonding Around the World Tuesday, January 8 @ 7 pm

Brian Michalski works to educate and inspire budding global nomads to serve others, explore new places and pursue opportunities near and far. He achieves this mission by teaching vagabonds of various ages and backgrounds what he has learned from his extensive travel experiences and



how attendees can learn from his successes and mistakes along the way.

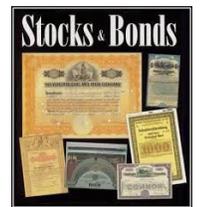
Jazz Concert with Petra van Nuis Sunday, January 13 @ 2 pm

The pairing of jazz vocalist Petra van Nuis and guitarist Andy Brown is one of those rare combinations where all parts seem to fit. Recent performance highlights include the Chautauqua Jazz Party, the Chicago Jazz Festival, the Cleveland Classic Jazz Party, the Roswell Jazz Festival and several European tours. Petra and Andy continue to spread their swinging sounds to music lovers far and wide. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library**



Stock & Bond Investing Wednesday, January 16 @ 10 am

A one-hour course in the basics of stocks and bonds, with an emphasis on stocks, for the student who wants to self-direct their investments. No previous investing experience is required and students of all ages are encouraged to attend. Tim Lambert is a recent retiree with 42 years of experience in self-directed stock investing and is not, nor ever has been, a financial advisor.



Understanding Alzheimer's 101: A Closer Look at Dementia Wednesday, January 23 @ 10 am

Natalie McFarland, RN, BSN, Dementia Educator will explain how to understand memory loss and the warning signs of Alzheimer's. Learn myths and facts about Alzheimer's and available treatment options. The presenters will offer free "Memory Care Screening" appointments to those interested in following up with them at a later time.



Curry Two Ways: Cooking Demonstration Saturday, January 26 @ 10 am

Are you afraid to try Indian food because you don't like curry? Let Indrani Hausner from Monbool show you how not all curries are the same and there is more to curry than you may think. She will be demonstrating how to make Chickpea Tikka Masala and Cauliflower Korma.



FEBRUARY

Lincoln as Storyteller Saturday, February 2 @ 2 pm

Mr. Lincoln shares some of his favorite stories



and jokes, and explains why he used these so often. You'll get a good dose of both the nation's history and Mr. Lincoln's personal history. **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library**

Japanese Internment Camps Tuesday, February 12, @ 7 pm

After the bombing of Pearl Harbor, all Japanese Americans living on the West Coast were forced from their homes and into relocation camps in remote areas of the country. Among the over 120,000 Japanese Americans who were incarcerated, over two-thirds were American-born, many of whom were children. Historian and librarian Sarah Okner, a descendant of internees, shares photos and details of daily life in an internment camp, and the profound effects it had on those living there.



Smarty Pants: The Big Balloon Show Saturday, February 16 @ 1 pm

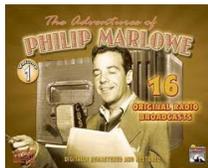
The Big Balloon Show is a one-of-a-kind vaudeville style stage production featuring magic, all-ages comedy, interactive storytelling and of course, Smarty's award-winning, larger than life balloon props. Throughout the show, Smarty uses his humor and balloons to excite kids about reading books and exercising their imaginations. By the end of the hour production, every audience member knows the library is a very exciting place to visit!



Those Were the Days: Radio Players West

Sunday, February 17 @ 2 pm

Join us for an afternoon of old-time radio recreations. Radio Players West presents two skits – a crime fiction story written by Raymond Chandler that the audience can try to solve on their own, and a comedy with Fibber's famous closet gag. A series of characters drop by and create humorous scenes and fun entertainment.



Create a Healthy Lifestyle Through Meditation

Tuesday, February 26 @ 7 pm

Treat yourself to some special time to nourish your body, mind and spirit. Empower your life by learning a simple meditation technique that can be used daily for greater peace, energy and well-being. Start incorporating this positive technique in your life.



MARCH

Creative Cartooning Workshop for Kids: How to Draw Superheroes Saturday, March 2 @ 1 pm

Professional cartoonist, Mark Anderson's Creative Cartooning class taps kids' attraction to humor and penchant for doodling — and teaches them to make something great. They'll have fun while learning a new skill. In this interactive, one-hour hands-on class, kids aged 8-12 will learn to draw simple but awesome superheroes and villains... and then decide what happens next!



Navigating the College Planning Process

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7 pm

Experienced professionals from My College Planning Team will share their knowledge and expertise to guide you through action steps you can take to reduce college costs and still attend the college of your choice. Discover creative, little-known financial and academic strategies to reduce college costs while finding the best-fit college for your child.



Shamrock Ragsters

Sunday, March 10, @ 2pm

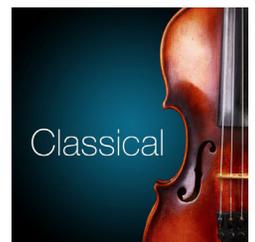
The Shamrock Ragsters will play the hits of Dixieland, Bluegrass, Irish and Celtic tunes with traditional folk instruments including banjo, fiddle, mandolin, tin whistle, Irish flute, guitar, bass and trumpet. You don't want to miss this rip-roaring performance! **Sponsored by the Friends of the Library**



Young Kim: Classical House Concert

Saturday, March 30 @ 2 pm

Young Kim returns to the Oak Brook Public Library with another talented trio including pianist, violinist and cellist to perform beloved pieces from Mozart, Beethoven and Piazzolla.



Finance Department

BY JASON PAPROCKI

2019 BUDGET

The 2019 Proposed Budget was presented and discussed during the Village's budget workshops, which were held on October 30th and November 5th in the Samuel E. Dean Board Room. At these meetings, Village Department Directors presented their respective 2019 goals and objectives, as well as funding requests. The Village Board provided feedback and direction on the proposed budget requests. Video of these meetings is available on the Village's website.

The final 2019 Budget was approved at the December 11th Regular Board of Trustees meeting. The final 2019 Budget, as well as the 2019-2023 5-Year Plan, can be found on our website for review.

In addition, the Village is working on preparing a Budget In Brief document for fiscal year 2019. The Budget In Brief document is a high level, summarized version of the full budget document. This document takes the 300+ page annual budget and turns it into a 13 page, easy to read summary. The 2019 Budget In Brief document will be available on the Village's website in late 2018 or early 2019.

The Village's 2019 Budget will be submitted to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration of its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. The Village has achieved this award the past seven

years and we believe the 2019 Budget continues to meet the standards required by GFOA.

Water e-Bill and Autopay

You can opt to have your water bill emailed instead of receiving a paper copy. To change your billing type, please call (630) 368-5090 or email waterbilling@oak-brook.org with your name, service address, water account number, and email address. The bill will look the same as the one you would receive in the mail and you will receive it one to two days earlier than if it had been mailed. Delinquent Notices and Shut Off Letters will still be printed and mailed.

The Village also offers customers the ability to pay their water bills automatically. Each billing cycle, your payment will be taken out of your designated bank account on the bill due date. This will insure that your payment is never late and you forego the hassle of setting up the payment with your bank, or writing and mailing a check. To enroll, please fill out the form located at: <https://www.oak-brook.org/185/Payment-Information>.

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ELECTION INFORMATION



There will be a Consolidated Election on April 2, 2019. If you have recently moved, be sure to register to vote. Voter registration occurs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Butler Government Center. The last day to register to vote or to transfer registration for the April 2, 2019 election here at the Village Hall is **March 5, 2019**. Residents may then register at DuPage County or Cook County Election Offices or at a location designated by the elections authority for this purpose.

Early Voting will begin Thursday, February 21, 2019 thru Monday, April 1, 2019. Early Voting sites and information is posted on the Village of Oak Brook website www.oak-brook.org or you may go the DuPage County Election Commission site www.dupageelections.com to confirm the location where you should vote.

Vote by mail applications will begin on Wednesday, January 2, 2019 for any registered voter presently within the confines of the United States, to make application by mail or in person to the election authority for an official ballot. Mailing and delivery of absentee ballots will begin on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

BY DOUG PATCHIN

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Winter is upon us and gives us all an opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors. 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., 35th Str.
ROUTE 5 Saddle Brook, & Ginger Creek	35th Str., 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

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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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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Bonnie and Logan's Elegant Winter Wedding

On December 22, 2017, we had the pleasure of welcoming Bonnie and Logan VanProyen's 165 guests to our charming space where they chose to host their reception. Bonnie and Logan fell in love with the secluded rustic charm and exceptional service that Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club offers. The warm and welcoming atmosphere of our historic clubhouse made everyone feel right at home from the moment they arrived.



From cocktail hour through dessert, each part of the VanProyens' celebration was as memorable as they hoped.

The Finer Details of the VanProyens' Charming Wedding

Personalized Wedding Décor

Whether sitting by the double-sided stone fireplace decorated with old family photos, lights, pinecones and greenery or gazing out the floor-to-ceiling windows, guests were enamored by natural beauty that surrounded them and how the VanProyens used their unique style to accentuate it. The 20 acres of natural woodlands were the perfect backdrop to Bonnie and Logan's wedding vision, and we love how they used white, steel and eggplant linens to bring the outdoors in.

When guest depart down our winding road, it is always hard to see them go. But we take great satisfaction in knowing they will never forget the experience they had on our majestic property.

We would be honored to help you map out your wedding dreams at Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club as well. To take advantage of all that our unique property and talented staff offer, **contact us online or give us a call at 630.368.6440.**



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BUTLER GOVERNMENT CENTER COMMUNICATION TOWER

A new monopole communication tower is being built on the grounds of the Butler Government Center. The tower under construction is replacing a monopole tower that was originally built in 2005 and currently supports cellular communication equipment for two cellular communication providers in addition to supporting the Village's public safety emergency radio equipment antennas.

The new tower being constructed by Verizon is expected to be completed in early 2019 and will support four cellular communication carriers; Verizon, AT&T, T-Mobile, and Sprint. Once the new tower is fully functional, the original tower will be removed. The new tower will also continue to support the Village's public safety communication equipment.

Wireless devices have changed how many people see, share and interact with the world. Though users have the freedom to walk, drive and even

hike with their contacts and the internet at their fingertips, cellphones, tablets and other devices are tethered to a network, albeit invisible. To satisfy consumer demand for efficient and reliable networks, wireless communication providers will need to construct towers, antennas and other structures -- and they come in many shapes and sizes. The new tower at the Butler Government Center will provide additional service capacity for Village residents & businesses, and allows the Village to collect lease payments that help fund the programs that the Village provides.

The Village Board has continued to support telecommunication companies' efforts to expand the capacity and service levels for our residents. This is important for the quality of life as well as for business-related economic development purposes. Any method of providing the service while minimizing the visual impact has been encouraged by the Board.

