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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Neighbors:

Summer is finally here and I hope this newsletter finds you in good spirits, spending more time outdoors and enjoying the beauty of the season.

First and foremost, I want to congratulate our re-elected Village Officials: Village Clerk Charlotte Pruss, Trustee Manzo, Trustee Tiesenga and Trustee Yusuf. I also want to thank our residents for putting their trust in me for another four-year term. The inauguration event was held at our Bath and Tennis Club with over 100 residents in attendance. Reverend Dr. Daniel Meyer from Christ Church of Oak Brook delivered the Invocation and Judge Ann Jorgensen delivered the Oaths of Office to all elected officials.



The Village Board approved the Hines Development this past May. This mixed-use redevelopment project will consist of retail, several restaurants, multi-family residential, new office buildings and a hotel on the former

McDonald's Plaza property. The multi-family components of the redevelopment proposal include a 17-story, 250-unit rental apartment building and two, 14-story residential condominium buildings with up to 104 for-sale units. The three multi-family buildings will provide off-street parking

in parking decks within each of the buildings. We are very excited to have this new development move forward.

Also, plans are underway for the Annual Taste of Oak Brook and spectacular Fireworks display to be held on Wednesday, July 3, 2019. Due to the sponsorship absence of the McDonald's Corporation, this year is a good time to make some major adjustments to the Taste. Changes to the event this year includes the increase of the parking fee to \$20 per vehicle and prohibiting attendees from bringing in their own alcohol. Beer, Wine and Sangria will be sold at the event. We have also eliminated the bands and will be solely utilizing a DJ for the event. We will continue to have activities for children, and our fabulous Oak Brook (and Oak Brook area) restaurants showcasing some of their finest fares. The evening will culminate with a spectacular fireworks display as we celebrate our nation's holiday.

Last summer, the polo program grew in popularity and this summer promises to bring more polo enthusiasts out to enjoy the 2019 Oak Brook Polo season. Pineoak Partners are doing a great job of providing this spectacular sporting event and keeping with Oak Brook's rich history of competitive Polo. For 2019, the following Saturday and Sunday dates have been set for Oak Brook Polo: June 9th and 23rd, July 14th and 28th, August 4th and 18th and September 8th, 15th and 22nd. Additional ticket and event information can be found by visiting www.oakbrookpoloclub.com.

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.

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear friends and residents;

Summer has finally arrived after a very cool, rainy Spring. Our pools are filled and the Park District began their second year of management for our swim operations at our Bath and Tennis Club. We look forward to another great season. Our opening day for the pool was on Saturday, May 25th.

Over the last year, we made significant upgrades to our pool area and the Bath and Tennis building itself. At the pool, we have installed a new patio and a new ADA accessible walkway. In the Bath and Tennis Club, we have upgraded the flooring throughout the building, renovated both bars, painted all the walls, installed new drainage and landscaping and installed a new permeable brick paver circular driveway at the entrance.



I want to thank Doug Patchin our Public Works Director, his Public Works staff, Christopher Burke our Village Engineer, and Martam Construction for all the great work.

Additionally, we finally finished the renovations to the Golf Course Pro Shop and Patio. The upgrades have made the location a wonderful place to enjoy a meal outside and take in the wonderful summer weather.



I want to thank Sean Creed our Golf Course Superintendent, Jeff Kawucha our Golf Pro, William's Architect's, Orbis Construction, and Nuvision.

Finally, Donna Bettin, my Executive Assistant retired on May 31st after 14 years with the Village. Donna has been an incredible asset to the organization, the Village Board and myself. Her interactions with our residents and the business community greatly assisted our partnership. I wish her well. Replacing Donna in the position will be Connie Reid. Several of our residents will probably be familiar with Connie as she has been with the Village for the past fifteen years. Connie has extensive work experience in several areas of the Village which include the Sports Core, Finance, Public Works and Administration. She possesses a very strong work ethic and superior customer service skills which are a direct asset to the entire Village. I know she is excited to begin her new role and I am excited to have her as my Executive Assistant.

I hope everyone has an enjoyable summer.

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BY JAMES KRUGER

IN THE NEWS

As you may have heard, the Illinois Law Enforcement community is attempting to educate the public on our concerns over the Governor's bill to legalize recreational cannabis. Some of you may be just as concerned, and then some may believe, what's the big deal? The Chicago law makers that have proposed it like to equate cannabis to alcohol and prohibition. They believe that regulating the use by consenting adults is no big deal, and the State can make some money off of an activity, that they believe, is going on anyway. They also think by doing this will make cannabis somehow safer, and also allow local law enforcement to focus on more important crimes. Well, I would like to explain what we have learned speaking to our law enforcement colleagues in Colorado, California and Washington State.

1. This bill contains known and documented public safety risks. It does nothing to alleviate our belief that there will be more traffic fatalities and significantly more incidents leading emergency room visits.
2. The bill sponsors ignored most of the major objections we raised to them and to the Governor's Office in the past twelve to eighteen months.
3. The bill contains many loopholes that will allow recreational marijuana to go largely unregulated.
4. Enforcement will prove to be difficult and next to impossible in some cases.
 - a. There is still no reliable device available now that would allow officers to test whether drivers are impaired by marijuana. Increased scientific research is needed to develop objective marijuana impairment standards for automobile operation, workplace safety, and medical effectiveness. But we cannot do that now.
 - b. "Home grows" are allowed for up to five flowering plants in the bill.
 - i. To allow home grows in a legalized setting would eliminate many opportunities for regulating marijuana. The penalties for home grows appear to be very minor civil citations from \$100 to \$200, even for major offenders of the five-plant limit.
 - ii. Allowing home grows would allow the cartels to set up shop as they have done in Colorado, California and Washington, and bring with them the corresponding crime.
 - iii. The bill allows for growing in outbuildings and sheds that will look like greenhouses.

- c. There is no way to monitor, like we do for prescriptions, if someone goes from one dispensary and purchases 30 grams and then proceeds to another dispensary.
- d. We encouraged the regulatory framework already in place for medical marijuana to be utilized for any licensing, keeping tight controls over growth, distribution, and sales. The rules for recreational marijuana are, by contrast, wide open.
5. This bill goes way beyond expungement of a person's record for possession of small amounts of marijuana. It would also require expunging the records of some felons, including people who knew they were illegally distributing large amounts of illegal drugs. And the timeline for actually doing this is unrealistic. There are other ways to achieve the same outcome for cases of minor possession.
6. There is not enough protection for teens and children. School Resource Officers in Illinois earlier this year reported an increase in marijuana incidents in their schools. This will get worse under this bill.
7. We have been and continue to work closely with the Illinois Sheriffs' Association in our opposition. We share much of the same language in our statements and perspectives on this issue.
8. This process needs to slow down so that we can truly learn from mistakes made in other states.

Besides all of these facts, the bill strips local control as we have for alcoholic beverages. We will not be able to keep it from our community or our roadways. I urge all of our residents to contact their state representatives and senators and ask them to oppose this bill. The quick financial gain is not worth the cost that we will all bear in the very near future. I only hope that by the time you receive this newsletter at home it's not too late for Illinois and for Oak Brook.

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BY BARRY LISS

NEW FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE



The department has recently received its newest ambulance, a 2018 Ford F550 Horton Type I modular ambulance. This newest addition boasts a number of enhancements and safety features never before available in previous vehicles.

The vehicle is built on a new Ford F550 Super Duty platform incorporating 4-wheel drive, a liquid spring suspension system with dramatically improved ride comfort, lower emissions and improved visual and audio warning devices. Additionally, the patient care area has dynamic 4-point occupant restraint systems, safety air bags front and rear, air purification system, solar powered air conditioning compressor, ergonomic work areas, improved interior lighting, hydraulically operated power stretcher with lifting system, an interior ceiling height of 6' 2", improved



cargo space and a state-of-the-art exterior camera display unit providing a 360° panoramic view of the ambulance and surrounding obstacles and traffic.



The vehicle was placed into full service in May and is expected to perform markedly better than previous units, demonstrating improved comfort, dependability, reliability and serviceability.

NO PARKING FIRE LANES



The Fire Department seeks the help of the public so that we may respond to emergencies quickly and efficiently by not parking or waiting in designated fire lanes. When there is a fire or related emergency, responding fire, paramedic and police vehicles need to have proper access so that the vehicles can get close enough to the buildings for rescue, firefighting, and emergency medical duties.

Please be a responsible driver. When you see signs indicating the area as "No Parking - Fire Lane", do not park, wait or stand in your vehicle for any period of time, as that is all the time needed for an emergency to occur and fire and other emergency crews to be delayed.

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BY DOUG PATCHIN

Public Works is gearing up for summer projects, we have been working on spring landscaping and utility restorations. If you notice any utility or snowplow damage restoration areas that may have been missed, please call Public Works at (630) 368-5270.

Residents may have noticed white and blue street sweepers working throughout the Village. We have contracted with Lakeshore Recycling Service to sweep our streets May through October at our current schedule and frequency. Commercial areas are swept bi-weekly, residential curbed areas are swept monthly, and non-curbed areas are swept three (3) times per season.

2019 Water Main Replacement Projects

We have started the Water Main Replacement in the southwest quarter section of Brook Forest, this project includes replacing the Water Mains, Valves, Fire Hydrants and service connections along Devonshire Drive, Hampton Drive and Ivy Lane. Also scheduled for this year will be the water main on Luthin Road, Enterprise Drive and crossing Salt Creek to Clearwater and another creek crossing on Harger Road.

2019 Street Projects

Utility repairs following the water main replacement on Devonshire Drive, Hampton Drive and Ivy Lane, Luthin Road, Enterprise and Clearwater.

Surface patching on North Spring and 16th Street, Cass Court and Madison Street

2019 Storm Water Drainage Projects

Public Works has been working on the redesigned drainage improvements at the Bath and Tennis Club between Bath and Tennis Drive, Polo Lane and around the pool. This year we will also be working on drainage improvements in Ginger Creek, Brook Forest and along Luthin as part of the Water Main and Street Projects.

The response to the villages water meter replacement program has been outstanding. Out of the approximately 5,300 water service accounts we have less than 100 accounts that still need their meters to be replaced. Staff is working to complete this project.

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 Public Works at (630) 368-5270.

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When you're looking for some family-friendly summer fun, look no farther than nearby Oak Brook. Only In Oak Brook will you find seven great hotels all offering great summer packages, not to mention nearby attractions like Brookfield Zoo, Morton Arboretum, Pinstripes bowling, swimming pools and so much more.

So, this year, turn your family staycation into a real 'playcation' beyond the city's limits.

BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

Economic Development Update – Summer 2019

Hines/ Oak Brook Commons – The project proposal for the 17.5-acre McDonald's Plaza redevelopment on 22nd Street and Spring Road was before the Planned Development Commission at a public hearing on March 28, 2019. The mixed-use redevelopment at the former McDonald's headquarters consists of restaurants, retail, residential apartments and condominiums, office buildings, a park and a hotel.



The addition of residential rental apartments and owner-occupied condominiums will also provide housing opportunities and options that have not been readily available before and will help the community realize some of the fundamental goals of the Commercial Areas Revitalization Plan ("Plan") that were initially adopted in 2007 and amended again in 2019.

This development is a legacy project and will make a lasting impression on Oak Brook by re-activating the vacant McDonald's Plaza site, diversifying and

enhancing Oak Brook's tax base, increasing its tax generating potential and helping to maintain its place as a competitive regional office center.

The Village Board and Planned Development Commission have taken the appropriate care in ensuring that the details of the project have been properly vetted and discussed during the course of a transparent planned development process. The Oak Brook Commons planned development was before the Village Board on Tuesday, May 28 for final ordinance approval and adoption. Initial demolition and site construction for the \$500 million project is expected to begin in fall 2019.

Updates on the project can be reviewed at www.oak-brook.org.



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Information Technology Services

BY JIM FOX

New Website Launched

We are pleased to announce that the Village launched a new and improved website on Thursday, May, 23, 2019.

With the new design the Village of Oak Brook will be able to increase its community engagement and enhance the communication between Village residents, businesses, and visitors with the Village government and local resources.

The new website offers improved functionality, faster access to information, more online services, simplified navigation, and more. Going beyond Oak Brook resident's requests for improved communication and on line services, the new site offers much improved organization and an enhanced aesthetic showcasing the community.

The new user-friendly design makes navigating the Village's website much easier. The primary navigation buttons and tabs, created based on analytics that have identified the most frequently used searches, arranges the departments and divisions in a more efficient and organized manner. The new site is also responsive to mobile devices.

The design was developed specifically for the Village. The homepage features spotlight topics, news, events, meetings and links to current topics and frequently requested information.

The Transparency & Open Government link under the Government menu contains important information such

as annual budget reports, ordinances, public meeting agendas, public record requests, live video streaming.

The Notify Me feature provides city departments with more options to communicate with the public. Citizens can sign up to receive such things as city alerts, press releases, events and meeting notifications.

Using the new citizen request tracker, citizens will not only be able to report concerns such as potholes, weed control issues, street light outages, etc., but they will also be able to track the work from start to finish via email notifications.

Under the Service menu residents can, complete a vacation check request, or make an online payment. Village contractors will also be able to view all open bids in one convenient area and sign up to receive alerts when new bids are posted.

Additional user-friendly functionalities such as drag-and-drop features will help streamline Village staff processes including workflow centers, bid postings, synchronized calendars, citizen request tracker, agenda management, mass communications and media integration.

Please visit the new site at www.oak-brook.org

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Sports Core

BY SEAN CREED

GOLF

The weather in Chicago has been a little slow and very wet but finally summer golf at Oak Brook has begun. Our in house tournament called the Barile Cup started in May and runs through the summer.

Be sure to come into the newly remodeled pro shop for any of your golf supplies and also the new outdoor patio area is ready to take your food or drink order.

If you haven't signed up for the August 10 and 11th club championship there is still time.

Junior programs are ongoing hopefully you have your kids enrolled in a golf lesson of his/her choosing. Our Golf Pro Jeff Kawucha is ready and eager to add your children to the list.

There are many opportunities, at many different levels of skill, so don't be afraid to give Jeff a call. (630-368-6402)

Don't forget the Sports Core hosts the Taste of Oak Brook July 3rd which includes fireworks and great restaurants from the mall and surrounding area come to show off their flavors.

Hope to see everyone here at the Sports Core in some capacity. Whether its golf, swimming, tennis, soccer or bike riding, we hope you enjoy your summer at the Sports Core.

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BY JACOB POST

LIBRARY NOTES

There is no better time to visit the Oak Brook Public Library than in the summer. The Library is almost always hopping with activity while offering exciting and engaging programming for all ages. Not only are there the programs listed here, but most weeks there are story times, movie matinees, knitting, pinocle and group discussions on current events to take part in as well. The Library provides these opportunities, and more, as a way to fulfill its mission to the community: "To promote the development of independent, self-confident and literate citizens through the provision of open access to cultural, recreational, intellectual and informational resources."

For those going on vacation this summer, the Library has a large collection of travel guides available for loan. These guides provide great insight on dining, places to stay, entertainment and cultural customs. Bring along a guide to your next destination and expand your options and knowledge of the area. Do you need a beach read? The Library has those. Long road trip? Try an audio book or two. Suitcase too full already? Try downloading an eBook to your electronic device. If you are travelling abroad, don't forget to check out materials on learning a foreign language, including audio CDs, phrases books and dictionaries.

For those looking for fun closer to home, stop by the Library and check out a Museum Adventure Pass. Passes are on a first-come, first-served basis and are typically good towards general admission. Popular destinations in the program include Brookfield Zoo, Cantigny Park, Chicago Botanic Garden, Legoland Discovery Center and the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art in Elmhurst. There are a limited number of passes and the passes are good for one week. Visit the Library to learn more and see a full listing of participating museums.

Once again this summer the Library encourages residents to participate in the Summer Reading Programs for adults and children. Each program provides incentives for reading and allows you to track the titles you've read. However, the real benefit of the programs is not the prizes awarded, but the increased literacy. Numerous studies show that the more adults and children read, the better prepared they are for life's obstacles. So stop into the Library this summer, sign up for Summer Reading, and take advantage of the numerous resources that are available. You'll be glad you did!



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LIBRARY CALENDAR

JULY

Legends of Sun Records Music Tuesday, July 9 @ 7 pm

Join musician Randy Walker as he performs the hit music of Elvis Presley, Johnny Cash, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis & Carl Perkins.



Conservation @ Home: Creating Eco-Friendly Yards Thursday, July 11 @ 7 pm

Learn a variety of techniques for transforming your yard including the use of rain barrels, rain gardens and the selection and use of native plants to solve yard problems and attract dozens of species of beneficial wildlife such as butterflies and songbirds. Participants will receive a butterfly attraction and identification pamphlet and native plant guide.



Scales and Tales Traveling Zoo Friday, July 12 @ 1 pm

Always a hit with kids and parents alike, Beth Wagner and her animal crew make even the most timid person comfortable enough to encounter her menagerie. Everyone is encouraged to touch, pet and ask questions about any of these tame, docile animals — like sloths, pot-belly pigs, chinchillas and more! Ages 3 & up. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Young Artists Workshop: Wildlife Prints Friday, July 19 @ 2 pm

With the guidance of professional artist Terri Murphy, young artists will create one animal of their choice in a wildlife setting, then transfer the design to a styrofoam printing plate, ink it and pull a wonderful print! Ages 8-13. Registration is required. Space is limited! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Stock & Bond Investing Monday, July 22 @ 7 pm

A one-hour course on 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 all ages are encouraged to attend. The program will include a question and answer session.



AUGUST

Experience the Transformative Power of Meditation Thursday, August 1 @ 7 pm

Meditation is becoming more popular as a way to de-stress from the world's hectic lifestyle. Quieting the mind can be a respite from the noise and strain of the modern lifestyle. It helps to slow down the inane chatter of our minds and invigorates a positive energy in our bodies which has a direct effect on our well-being. Join longtime meditator Zelma Chamberlain, M.Ed for this powerful program.



Illinois Watercolor Society Meeting & Demonstration Saturday, August 3 @ 10 am

End of Summer Reading Celebration

Saturday, August 3 @ 1-3 pm

Celebrate the end of Summer Reading! Leave with a balloon creation by professional balloon artist Suzette. Enjoy cookies brought to us by Pinstripes, temporary tattoos, sand art, button-making and more! Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Fred & Ginger: Forever Dancing Saturday, August 10 @ 10 am

Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers are considered the most iconic dancing duo in cinematic history. Complementing each other on screen with innovative techniques, Astaire and Rogers danced their way through many beloved films while pioneering future aspects of dance in cinema. Join film historian Annette Bochenek for a presentation about Astaire and Rogers's early years in Nebraska and Missouri, their Hollywood careers and their legacy today. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips and captivating stories.



Jazz Piano with Yvonne Faddis Stroud Saturday, August 17 @ 2 pm

Yvonne returns to the Library to perform her favorite jazz piano arrangements.



SEPTEMBER

The Great Scott Family Magic Show Saturday, September 7 @ 11 am

Come see a fun family magic show presented by The Great Scott, whose talents for amazing audiences has made him a legend of entertainment! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Hariman & Hagen Classical Concert Saturday, September 7 @ 2 pm

Join musical duo Robert Hariman on violin and Nancy Hagen on piano as they present an exciting program including famous pieces by Schubert, Mendelsohn, Paganini and Sarasate. Refreshment will be provided following the concert.



Wildflower Garden: Artist Workshop Saturday, September 14 @ 2 pm

Whatever the weather, blooms are bursting in our wildflower garden. Learn how to paint wet-in-wet with watercolors and use one-stroke brushwork for petals, leaves and grasses in acrylics. It's wild! Space is limited and registration is required.



The Blessed Bananas Puppet Show with Tayyaba Syed Saturday, September 21 @ 11 am

Join Tayyaba Syed as she tells her multiple award-winning story "The Blessed Bananas" about a cranky old monkey who doesn't like to share. Children will be mesmerized by the adorable puppets, creative props and fun voices right from the start. This session will be enjoyed by kids and adults alike! Sponsored by the Friends of the Library



Estate Planning: Wills, Trusts, Probate & More Monday, September 23 @ 7 pm

Colleen Sahlas, an Oak Brook-based attorney, will discuss wills, trusts, powers of attorney for healthcare and property and how to avoid probate. Kevin Kost of Edward Jones will discuss retirement options and benefits.



Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art Saturday, September 28 @ 2 pm

Join Dorothy Asher, director of the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art, as she highlights the museum's collection and the spectacular new Oak Brook facility opening in October 2019.



WEDNESDAY, JULY 3,

THE TASTE

OAK BROOK POLO FIELDS

OF OAK BROOK

Festival of Food, Fun and Fireworks

RESTAURANTS

Participating Oak Brook Area Restaurants

Pinstripes Oak Brook
Paul's Pizza
Real Urban BBQ
Gibson's Bar & Steakhouse
McCormick's & Schmicks Seafood & Steaks
LaBriola Café & Bakery
RockSugar Southeast Asian Kitchen
Kama Bistro
Roka Akor

Enjoy a fabulous *Fireworks*

Show at Dusk.
(approx. 9:15 pm)

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Face Painting
Oak Brook Park
District- Bounce House
Petting Zoo
Pony Rides

DETAILS

Free admittance with ***parking available for \$20 per Vehicle.*** The Police Department will provide families with lost and found tattoos. Some children's activities, food and beverages will require the purchase of tickets. The beverage tent will be featuring beer, wine, Sangria, water and soda drinks. Rain date for the fireworks only display is Thursday, July 4th.

Thank You To Our Sponsors!

Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCianni & Krafthefer, P.C., Christopher Burke Engineering, Evergreen Bank, Inland Real Estate, Loyola Medicine, Paramedic Services Inc., Republic Services, Sysco, The Hub Group, VISOgraphics

SPECIAL NOTE

- **The Village of Oak Brook will no longer allow alcoholic beverages to be brought in to the Event.**

Beer, wine and Sangria will be available for purchase at the Event.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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BY JASON PAPROCKI

Annual Financial Audit

The Village's fiscal year 2018 annual audit was completed this spring by Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP. The audit report was presented to the Village Board at the May 28, 2019 board meeting. The 2018 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) received an unmodified ("clean") opinion from our auditors. The 2017 CAFR received the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This was the 41st consecutive year the Village received this award. The 2018 CAFR has been submitted to the GFOA for review and we believe it continues to meet award standards.

The Village's overall net position totaled \$85.5 million, an increase of \$4.2 million from the 2017 restated balance. Net position measures the resources (cash, investments, receivables, capital assets, etc.) of the Village and any claims (payables, deposits, debt, pension liabilities, etc.) against those resources. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Village is improving or deteriorating.

Sales tax revenue continues to be the Village's largest revenue source. Sales tax revenue in the General Corporate Fund totaled \$12.6 million in 2018, an increase of \$0.2 million over last year. Non-home rule sales tax in the Infrastructure Fund (which help support the maintenance and construction of roadways) totaled \$5.7 million in 2018, an increase of \$0.1 million over last year. The increases were primarily the result of business redevelopment in 2018.

As of December 31, 2018, the Village had \$42.8 million in cash and investments on hand, an increase of \$2.9 million from last year. The General Corporate Fund (the Village's main operating fund) had a balance of \$17.9 million, which is equal to 9.5 months of 2019 budgeted operating expenses. The Village has a policy of maintaining a cash and investments reserve in the General Corporate Fund that meets or exceeds six months of annual operating expenses.

The Village contributes to three defined benefit pension plans: the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF), the Police Pension Plan, and the Firefighter's Pension Plan. Related to these pension plans, the Village reports an unfunded pension liability of \$50.9 million as of December 31, 2018. Current State statutes require the Village's pension contributions to accumulate to the

point where the Police and Firefighter's Pension plans are 90% funded by the year 2040. As of December 31, 2018, the Police Pension Plan is 58.2% funded and the Firefighter's Pension Plan is 51.5% funded. For fiscal year 2018, combined pension contributions for the IMRF, Police, and Fire pension plans totaled \$4.7 million.

Popular Annual Financial Report

The Village of Oak Brook is pleased to release its 2018 Popular Annual Financial Report (PAFR). This is the sixth annual PAFR the Village has produced. The report is designed to provide a summary view for citizens who wish to gain a general understanding of the village's financial activities and position. Information contained in this report is a summarized version of that found in the Village's annual CAFR. The 2017 PAFR received the Award for Outstanding Achievement in Popular Annual Financial Reporting from the GFOA. This was the fifth consecutive year the Village has received this award. The 2018 report has been submitted to the GFOA for review and we believe it continues to meet the award standards.

Budget In Brief Document

The Village is excited to release its first Budget in Brief document for fiscal year 2019. This document presents a high level summary of the Village's 2019 annual budget that some users may find easier to read and understand. The full 2019 budget document spans over 200 pages in length and details over \$68 million in spending. We hope you find this document both informative and useful and encourage those who want to learn more about the Village's finances to review the full 2019 budget document.

These reports, along with other financial documents, are available on the Village's website at <http://www.oak-brook.org/180/Finance>.

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A Celebration Sweet as Honey: The Fong-Honey Wedding



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Elizabeth Fong and Brandon Honey knew what they wanted in their wedding venue. It had to be a secluded property with spacious indoor or outdoor areas. They wanted a venue that could be flexible when planning their ceremony so weather wouldn't be an issue. They wanted a space that their vendors knew well, and they wanted it all for a reasonable price.

It took them a year and a half of searching around Chicago before they *finally* found what they were looking for—right here at Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club.

Here's a look back in photos at their magnificent wedding.

From the moment the wedding parties arrived, everything was well-organized. Our event coordinator Marianne and the rest of the team were on top of every detail—from the ceremony site to reception décor. The couple felt confident in every step and was able to simply relax and enjoy their amazing evening together.

The wedding welcomed 104 guests. The ceremony outside by the pond was perfectly elegant. With the lush green surroundings and tranquil atmosphere, it was literally everything the couple wanted and more.

Since the spaces here are so flexible, this made the transition from ceremony to reception seamless. After the ceremony concluded, the renovated indoor area turned into a sophisticated dinner space.

The outdoor patio also transitioned into a stylish dancing area. Guests were able to move about the venue freely, all the while enjoying the fine company and taking in the one-of-a-kind atmosphere.

The décor at the Fong-Honey wedding was absolutely stunning as well, including sweetheart table arrangement. Zuzu's Petals provided the florals, while MDM Entertainment provided the twin basket décor. Finally, Elysia Root Cakes constructed this gorgeous classic layered wedding cake. Guests were given small jars of honey as party favors.



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Our venue checked every box that this beautiful couple was searching for in a wedding venue. We were honored to host their friends and family on this special day and to make it everything they dreamed it could be.

"I just got married at the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club and the day couldn't have been more perfect! We had our ceremony outside by the pond and the reception on both the outdoor patio (for dancing) as well as the newly renovated indoor area (for dinner).

The day was the absolute best. All our friends and family are still raving about this wonderful venue. Marianne was easy to work with, super organized, and always responded back to us in a timely manner as we got closer to the wedding. I felt confident in everything she did!

— Elizabeth Fong. The Knot. Reviewed 06/28/2017.

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