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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,

Summer slipped by so quickly. Looking back we remember the highlights of another successful Polo season, with teams from all over the world competing on our very own Prince of Wales Field. I hope you were able to delight in the beautiful improvements made to the Bath & Tennis Club and had an opportunity to enjoy the live music al fresco on the new Patio area at the Golf Club. This summer was not without its disappointments, it was decided at the last minute to cancel the Taste of Oak Brook and fireworks display. It was a very tough decision, but the safety of our residents and the preservation of the fields were our priority.

The Village Board has been following the serious contamination situation regarding the Sterigenics facility in Willowbrook. Several residents have voiced their concern that the Sterigenics plant remain closed. We have taken an active role in looking at this issue and I have personally met with County Board Chairman Dan Cronin and Illinois House Representative Deanne M. Mazzochi. The Illinois Attorney General and the DuPage County State's Attorney issued a Consent Order that laid out the circumstances which would re-open the plant. Illinois Representative Deanne M. Mazzochi, Illinois Representative James B. Durkin, and Illinois Senator John F. Curran filed an Amicus Brief with the Court on July 23, 2019 to challenge the Consent Order on numerous grounds. After a brief presentation by Illinois Representative Deanne M. Mazzochi, at our August 13th Village Board Meeting, the Village Board approved a resolution joining with three Members of the Illinois General Assembly who filed an Amicus Brief against the Consent Order to re-open the plant. The Village of Oak Brook supports the full and fair application of the government mandates which do not sacrifice the health, safety, and lives of our residents and neighbors.

The development of our business community remains robust. As you may be aware, the McDonald's Campus property was purchased by John Paul DeJoria on June 6, 2019. The purchase includes the former campus office building,

the Hamburger University training facility and the Hyatt Lodge hotel. Mr. DeJoria is co-founder of Paul Mitchell hair products, Patron Tequila and the House of Blues nightclub. Our staff has had several meetings with the new property owner's development team to discuss conceptual plans and development approval process. It is hoped that several large corporations will fill the existing vacant buildings. As of this time, no specific companies have been selected.

On Wednesday, July 19th the Hub Group had the groundbreaking for their second building. Several Village Board members and I, along with Clerk Pruss and Manager Ginex attended the ceremony and participated in the ground breaking. The new building will be identical to their present one. It will be a 130,000 Sq. Ft., state-of-the-art LEED certified office building. This second building will bring the total Hub headquarters campus capacity to 1,400 employees, which will make the Hub Group, the largest employer in the Village.

Finally, the Table at Crate, a new restaurant in the Crate and Barrel Store opened on July 9th. Several of the members of the business community and Village were invited to attend a "mock lunch and dinner service" on July 5th and July 6th. This is the first ever full-service restaurant from Crate and Barrel and the Cornerstone Group. This is the same restaurant group which opened Michael Jordan's.

As always, I along with the staff and Trustees are her to serve you. Please feel free to contact any of us with your thoughts, ideas and concerns.

Kind regards,

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From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear friends and residents:

Another summer has passed us by and we move into a wonderful fall. Unfortunately, due to three inches of drenching rains the evening before our Taste of Oak Brook it was necessary to cancel the event. I toured the fields with members of our staff and Ravenswood Events early in the morning. There was standing water in our vendor tents, on the soccer fields and driving range. None of these fields could take the 1,000 vehicles that would come to park as they would be damaged extensively and the cost to repair would be too great to incur. Plus, the thousands of visitors coming to the Taste would not be able to walk or sit anywhere on our fields. As you can see from the pictures below, even attempting to get equipment out caused some damage. We look forward to our Taste next year and hope for much better weather!



our applications to the Congestion Mitigation Air Quality Improvement Program (CMAQ) and recommended that both the Salt Creek Trail Underpass and the Harger Road Multi-Use Path projects be fully funded at their requested federal funding amounts of \$2,331,900 for Salt Creek and \$1,556,986 for Harger Road. We had hoped to get some portion of funding but to get our full federal request is fantastic and will help minimize our capital outlay for the projects. I want to thank our Public Works Director Doug Patchin, the staff at Christopher Burke Engineering and Civil Tech Engineering for helping us obtain these grants. It was through their hard work and grant writing expertise that we had such a great success!

Finally, the Village staff has begun to work on the 2020 Annual Budget. The public is invited to attend budget discussions which will be held in November. Since the Village is on a calendar year budget, the 2020 budget will be adopted at the December Village Board meeting.

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We enjoyed another great season at our pool under the management of the Oak Brook Park District for a second season. We will be performing a much needed upgrade to our pools during the fall repairing major leaks and recoating the surface of the pools. This renovation will extend the life of our pools for many years.

Over the summer, Oak Brook was notified that two major grant funding requests were approved by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency of Planning (CMAP). They analyzed

BY JAMES KRUGER

IN THE NEWS

Over the past several months, you may have seen many new faces in Oak Brook Police Department uniforms. If you follow my little column, you know that we have had several retirements during the past year. It takes a significant amount of time to fill vacancies for police officers and then once filled, the training time for an officer to be fully prepared to take on the duties of a certified police officer is nearly a year.

Recruitment and retention of police officers, not only in Illinois but, across the country has become a concern for police administrators. The average vacancy rate is nearly 15% nationwide. Oak Brook was also hovering around that number for a major portion of the past year. There are a myriad of reasons given such as an extremely low unemployment rate, the media stories of law enforcement coming under fire, and a lack of desire by the new generation to work in a profession that requires such a high level of scrutiny, and giving up nights, weekends, holiday, etc. The images played out on the nightly news of what is going on in New York with the water throwing incidents do not help as well.

I was asked to chair a statewide committee to discuss the recruitment issue. The committee focused on two areas. The first was the actual mechanics of the hiring process and the second, the desirability of the job and whether or not we were attracting the correct candidate or target market. Currently, police departments in Illinois offer a testing processed through their local Board of Fire and Police Commissioners to take a written exam every two years. We then take candidates from that list and put them through further testing to determine whether or not they would be a good police officer. After that, they then go through a very rigorous background investigation and physical fitness exam. One of the problems is that interested candidates go through this process for many communities and wait for the first one to call them with an opening. Essentially we are all fishing in the same pond.



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We began to ask whether there was a better, timelier testing process that can field candidates that were just as qualified but cast with a wider net. Rather than a test given on one specific day once every two years, we are going to explore utilizing a new nationwide computer based testing process. This proctored testing process allows applicants to go to any affiliated testing site and sit for a battery of tests to judge someone's suitability to be a police officer. We will then be able to pull from that list to further evaluate a candidate. One of the added benefits of this type of system will be the ability for local candidates to take the written exam even if they happened to be away at school. This process also had the added benefit of being much more cost effective for the Village.

Illinois state law requires there to be an active list at all times even when there are no current vacancies. It has long been understood that since this is such a lengthy process, there needs to be an eligibility roster ready when a vacancy comes. We encourage you to let friends and family know who are interested in serving as an Oak Brook Police Officer that we will be starting this process this Fall. Please watch for announcements on our web site as well as the major law enforcement employment sites.

I hope this article gave you a little insight into the tremendous effort that goes into hiring a professional police officer in 2019 and the rigors it takes to ensure we provide the very best police officers for our community. The next time you see one of our officers on the street, you'll know that they too have demonstrated a tremendous amount of dedication to our profession and the Village of Oak Brook to be here.



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BY BARRY LISS

NATIONAL FIRE PREVENTION WEEK

If you are ever on “Jeopardy” and the answer is “longest running public health and safety observance in U.S.,” you will know the question is “What is National Fire Prevention Week?” As a nation, we remember the Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871 that contributed to the death of 250 persons, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and left 100,000 persons homeless, and we work to improve fire and building codes to prevent such a tragedy from ever happening again.

Each year the National Fire Protection Association designates a theme for Fire Prevention Week encouraging Americans to look at the fire safety issues in their own home and workplace.



This year, October 6-12 marks National Fire Prevention Week with the theme **“Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. PLAN and PRACTICE your ESCAPE!”**

This year’s campaign recognizes the everyday people who motivate their households to develop and put into motion a home fire escape plan; these seemingly basic behaviors can have life-saving impact.

PLAN and **PRACTICE** your **ESCAPE** focuses on what a home escape plan entails and the high value placed on practicing it. Today’s homes burn faster than ever, synthetic fibers, lightweight construction materials, modern home furnishings, and larger open floor plans contribute to increased burn rates.

The general public tends to underestimate their risk of fire,

particularly at home. That leads to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice. Advanced planning can make a potentially life-saving difference.

A home escape plan includes working smoke alarms situated within 15’ of every space used for sleeping, and on every level of the home. Detectors should be checked monthly and batteries replaced twice a year. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door or window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place, like a tree, light pole or mailbox that is at a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced twice a year by all members of the household.



For more information on home fire safety tips, please visit: <https://www.nfpa.org/fpw>



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**“Working Smoke Alarms Save Lives:
Test Yours Every Month!”**

BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

COMMUNITY RATING SYSTEM OUTREACH PROJECT

The best time to prepare for a flood is before it happens. Village of Oak Brook residents have experienced flooding from creeks and sewer backups in the past. As homeowners, there are a few things that you should know about flood safety, preventing flood damage, flood plain regulation, and insurance.

Flood Safety

A number of precautions should be taken in the event of a flood. Electricity and gas should be turned off if your home is being flooded. Walking through flood water should be avoided especially if the flood water is moving rapidly as drowning is the number one cause of flood deaths, mostly during flash floods. Currents can be deceptive; six inches of moving water can knock you off of your feet. If you walk in standing water, use a pole or stick to ensure that the ground is still there. Do not drive through a flooded area as more people drown in their cars than anywhere else. Don't drive around road barriers; the road or bridge may be washed out. After exposure to flood water, residents are advised to contact their health practitioner regarding a tetanus shot if they have not received one in a while.

Preventing Flood Damage

The Village provides advice on how to retrofit buildings to prevent flood damage. There are generally five approaches to retrofitting: elevation, barriers, dry flood proofing, wet flood proofing and basement protection. Other property protection measures include grading, ditch cleaning, moving furniture and sandbagging. The Village has adopted the DuPage County Stormwater Ordinance. As such, all changes in impermeable surfaces within the village, i.e. driveways, patios, sports courts, slabs, sidewalks, etc. require the approval of a building permit to ensure compliance with applicable ordinance requirements. For information on these and other flood protection issues, please contact the Village Engineer at 630-368-5144.

Flood Plain Development

Development in or near a flood plain is allowed only upon application and issuance of the appropriate Village permits. Flood plain map information is available through the Development Services Department. If you are planning to add, remodel, build, fill, or otherwise develop in a flood plain or if you witness what you believe to be illegal flood plain construction, please contact the Village Engineer at 630-368-5144.

Village code states that existing structures shall not be enlarged, replaced or structurally altered unless the changes meet the applicable code requirements. If the changes constitute substantial improvement to a building in a flood plain, then the entire building will need to meet these requirements. Substantial improvement is when the cost of reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvements to a building equals or exceeds 50% of the market value. Substantially damaged buildings must

also be brought up to the same standards. Enforcement of this requirement is achieved through the permitting process.

Flood Insurance

The Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 helps to ensure that you will be protected from financial loss caused by flooding. Backed by the Federal Government, flood insurance is available to residents across the country that participate in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). It provides coverage that most homeowners insurance does not (e.g. coverage for damage to structures and contents from flooding, flood-related erosion, etc.). In all of these communities, you can purchase flood insurance from any licensed property or casualty insurance agent, broker or company.

You must have flood insurance to get secured financing to buy, build or improve structures in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA's). Lending institutions that are federally regulated and insured must determine if the building is in a SFHA and require flood insurance on conventional home mortgage loans, FHA loans, VA loans, second mortgages, home equity loans, home improvement loans, construction loans and commercial loans.

Flood insurance coverage is an asset to you as a borrower. It reimburses you for financial losses from flood damage. The law protects you from being uninsured and having to rely on a costly federal disaster loan after a flood. This loan is the same as another mortgage that must be paid back with interest.

Flood insurance protects your most important investment. It is considerably less expensive than federal disaster loans and is 100% backed by the federal government. Call the National Flood Insurance Program at 1-800-427-4661 for specific questions related to flood insurance.

For More Information

If you have question about the information in this article, please contact the Village's CRS Coordinator at 630-368-5101. In addition, the Village maintains a selection of publications pertaining to the National Flood Insurance Program at the Oak Brook Library. Please take advantage of these resources by visiting the Oak Brook Library at 600 Oak Brook Road. Finally, you may also visit the Federal Emergency Management Agencies website at www.FEMA.gov for additional flood related information.

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BY DOUG PATCHIN

As the seasons change and the weather starts to cool, Public Works is preparing for Fall and Winter activities. Leaf pickup season will soon be upon us, followed by snow. Staff has begun to service our leaf equipment and prepare plow trucks for snow. I know that with warm weather it sounds and feels too early to mention snow, but with quick changing seasons we need to have our plow equipment ready to go at the drop of a snow flake. Before we get into winter let's slow down and discuss autumn leaf pickup.

We recommend you mulch your leaves and return this beneficial material back to your lawn or landscape. If you are going to utilize the Village's leaf pickup, please follow the Autumn Leaf Schedule on this page. If you employ a landscape contractor please schedule their leaf clean up with our scheduled pickup dates. The leaf pickup equipment we utilize has a large vacuum unit which picks up leaves on the right side (the passenger side of the unit). The vacuum equipment works best with the pickup straight out to the side, any leaf piles placed in the street limits our ability to efficiently pick up leaves because our trucks must drive on the opposite side of the road into oncoming traffic lanes. This is only one reason it's important for leaves to be placed behind the curb and not in the street. Secondly, when leaves are placed in the street, and if it rains, leaves can block street drains and cause streets/yards to flood. Most importantly, when leaves are placed on the street pavement, leaf piles can cause a dangerous situation for pedestrians and vehicles. Where leaves are piled on both sides of the street, the street may become impassable for one vehicle. In order to have an efficient, effective, and safe leaf pickup program, we need your cooperation in adhering to the following procedures.

- **DO NOT** pile leaves on the street, leaves are to be placed behind the curb or at the edge of the pavement.
- **DO NOT** bag your leaves if you want the Village to pick them up. The equipment we use can only pick up piles of loose leaves.
- Rake **ONLY LEAVES** into the pile. **NO** shrub clippings, sticks or other debris are permitted as these other materials will clog our equipment.
- Please place your leaves a day or two prior to the scheduled pick up dates. Any leaves placed afterwards will not be collected until the next scheduled pickup date.

Below is the 2019 Autumn Leaf Schedule. Inquiries regarding the leaf pick up program and schedule may be directed to the Public Works Department at (630) 368-5270. A map depicting the pickup areas and schedule dates is also available on the Village website (www.oak-brook.org).

FALL LEAF PICKUP SCHEDULE

ZONE	AREAS	DATES
1	Yorkshire Woods, Steeplechase, Woodside Estates	Monday October 14 Tuesday October 22 Monday November 11 Friday December 6
2	Forest Glen, York Woods	Tuesday October 15 Wednesday October 23 Tuesday November 12 Monday December 9
3	Timber Trails, Merry Lane	Wednesday October 16 Friday October 25 Friday November 15 Tuesday December 10
4	South of 31st Street and east of Route 83, including Lincoln, Grant, and Coolidge	Thursday October 17 Tuesday October 29 Tuesday November 19 Wednesday December 11
5	Brook Forest, Briarwood, and Trinity Lakes	Friday October 18 Thursday October 31 Friday November 22 Thursday December 12
6	Ginger Creek, Saddle Brook, Heritage Oaks, White Oak, and Avenue Loire	Monday October 21 Tuesday November 5 Monday December 2 Friday December 13

Fall is also a good time to schedule preventive maintenance around your house. Cleaning your gutters, downspouts, and yard drains of leaves and debris will help to avoid water damage during the winter freeze/thaw cycles. Your home heating system and filters should also be cleaned and checked; irrigation systems should be serviced and winterized.

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Information Technology Services

BY JIM FOX

Document Imaging Integrated into the new Village Website

When the Village launched the new Village website design on Thursday, May, 23, 2019, a new interface with the Village's document imaging system was integrated into the site.

The Village began electronic document imaging in the year 2000 under the vision and leadership of Linda Gonnella, former Village Clerk. In the early years, the program involved the electric scanning of primarily Village Clerk documents, including meeting agendas and minutes. Over time Village Ordinances and Resolutions were added to the system. Today there are over 3.5 million images in the system comprised of information collected and stored by every Village Department. Through a robust software system, the documents are easily accessible by Village staff and by the public through the Village website.

With the launch of the new website we now have direct links to all the Village Clerk's documents mentioned

above. There are also links to the Village's financial documents, purchasing contracts, Village Newsletters, Police Department daily & weekly summaries and more.

The key benefits of document imaging are the reduced space used for record storage, faster and easier access to information, improved security of information and a major reduction in use of paper. Files in a digital format are easily duplicated and transferred to electronic backup media and stored off site.

These on-line documents also add to the Villages Transparency with Open Government strategies and initiatives which are key to renewing our Village residents' relationship with public officials and trust in government. There is also increasing recognition that Open Government can play a pivotal role in supporting good governance, democracy and inclusive growth. Please visit the new website at www.oak-brook.org

Mass Notification Alert System

With this service, the Village has an easy-to-use, reliable tool that allows the Village to make certain that Village residents and businesses are accurately and quickly informed during emergency situations.

The Village also uses the notification service to contact residents and businesses about important information in our community, such as community events, road closures, utility problems, and weather events. The system has the ability to reach thousands of people – by voice, email, and text messaging -- in a matter of minutes.

The Blackboard Connect system provides a comprehensive list of phone numbers collected from over 200 providers. However, there is the possibility that your home telephone number is not included, particularly if your telephone numbers are unlisted. More information about this system is available on the Village website at: <http://www.oak-brook.org/303/Mass-Emergency-Notification> From the Village website you can also add additional contact methods such as cellular telephone numbers and email addresses.

There is no cost to use the service and your participation is completely voluntary. Rest assured that your personal information will not be shared with anyone.

Can I "opt out" from the Blackboard Connect calls? Yes, residents can opt-out; however, we strongly suggest that you do not do so. The Connect-CTY service is used to send information that is time-sensitive and relevant to our residents. Any resident that is eliminated will not be able to be contacted by the system in an emergency.

If you have further questions or concerns about this service please call the Village at 630.368.5174 or you can email us at alerts@oak-brook.org

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Library Calendar and Events

BY JACOB POST

LIBRARY NOTES

Fall is a busy time of year for families. Children are back in school and parents return to the tasks of homework help and planning fun and educational activities to enjoy the season. The Oak Brook Public Library is the perfect place to help you accomplish these goals. Our skilled librarians can direct students to the best resources that will help keep them at the tops of their classes. Whether it is research help or standardized test preparation, the Library can be of service. So talk with one of our librarians when the next term paper is coming due, and keep watch for free ACT practice tests and other test prep programs later this year.

Once all the homework is turned in, it is time for a little fall fun. In addition to the programs listed here, the last couple of weeks of October are sure to be especially eventful in Youth Services. Youth Services is planning Halloween luminary jars and a scary selection for the Books & Bites Book Discussion group. Check with the Youth Services desk for more details and other spooky activities. Also be sure to register for the Library's annual children's Halloween party on Saturday, October 26 at 1 pm. Come in a costume and enjoy the festivities.

The Library offers exciting programs for adults as well this fall. A highlight of every year at the Library is the Friends of the Library's Fall Evergreen Concert, which will take place on October 20 at 3 pm. This year will feature the Black Oak Ensemble performing a work titled "Silenced Voices" a deeply personal program dedicated to mid-20th Century Jewish composers, most of whom lost their lives during the Holocaust. This program is mainly being performed in Europe, and the Library is pleased to have one of the only U.S. performances this year. The Black Oak ensemble is establishing itself as one of the premier chamber ensembles in the United States. Seating begins and 2:30 pm and fills up fast. We hope to see you at the Evergreen Concert!

Lastly, I am pleased to announce that the Library now has an app available for your electronic devices. From the app you can search the catalog, check your account, renew items, place holds and much more. The app was developed by SWAN (the Library's consortium) and can be found in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store by searching "SWAN libraries." Remember to have your library card number and PIN handy.



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FALL CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Illinois Watercolor Society Meeting & Demonstration

Saturday, October 5 @ 10 am

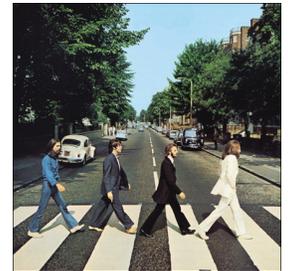
Join local artist Steve Puttrich as he demonstrates oil painting techniques that quickly establish a strong and compelling design.



The Beatles' Abbey Road: 50th Anniversary

Sunday, October 6 @ 2 pm

Join Gary Wenstrup as he uses audio visual content to review the stories behind the album's best-known songs and celebrate The Beatles' final gift to music lovers all over the world. Sponsored by Friends of the Library



Medicare 101

Wednesday, October 9 @ 7 pm

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



Eight Books: To Inspire, Intrigue, Entertain, Maybe Even Change You!

Saturday, October 12 @ 2 pm

Jenny Riddle returns for a fast-paced, motivational, giant book review as she dramatizes and distills fascinating stories and advice from Lesley Stahl's *Becoming Grandma*, Sheryl Sandberg's *Option B*, Alan Alda's *If I Understood You, Would I Have This Look on My Face?* and more! Sponsored by Friends of the Library



French Art Nouveau Jewelry: Nature Re-Imagined

Tuesday, October 22 @ 7 pm

Dorothy Mikuska, President of West Suburban Art Society, will tell the story of the Art Nouveau movement, which led to a new kind of art including jewelry based on nature.



Strategies for Business Owners to Reduce College Costs
Wednesday, October 23 @ 7 pm



Business owners with college-bound children are encouraged to attend this workshop presented by My College Planning Team to learn the many strategies available to reduce your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) that are only available to families who own a business.

Youth Halloween Party
Saturday, October 26 @ 1-2:30 pm

Join us just before Halloween for a scary good time! Come dressed up in your best costume and get ready for spooky crafts, treats and fun! Watch out for ghouls and ghosts as you enjoy some Trick-or-Treating around the Library! Registration is required.



NOVEMBER
Illinois Watercolor Society Meeting & Demonstration
Saturday, November 2 @ 10 am

Featured artist: TBD

Five Sullivan Brothers: The Family Inspiration Behind "Saving Private Ryan"

Sunday, November 3, @ 2 pm

Hal Burke, veteran and President of Victor & Valor Memories, presents the early WWII Pacific War naval history, as well as the legacy of the five Sullivan brothers who died, along with 687 of their shipmates when their ship was sunk on November 13, 1942. Sponsored by Friends of the Library



Recognizing the Signs of Dementia

Monday, November 4 @ 10 am

Join Natalie McFarland BSN, RN, as she helps you recognize the symptoms of dementia and Alzheimer's disease, which can include memory loss, mood swings, wandering, behavioral issues and language disorientation.



Classical Concert with Anatoliy Torchinsky

Sunday, November 10 @ 2 pm

Mr. Torchinsky returns to the Library with another wonderful classical program.



Old-Time Radio and the Great American Songbook
Sunday, November 17 @ 2 pm

Steve Darnall returns to present radio's Great American Songbook.

This presentation features some of the greatest songwriters of the 20th century as they were heard on radio, including Johnny Mercer, Irving Berlin, Cole Porter and a rare 1934 performance from George Gershwin! Sponsored by Friends of the Library



Emily Dickinson: I'm Nobody, Who Are You?

Wednesday, November 20 @ 7 pm

The Poetry Foundation calls Dickinson "one of the greatest and most original poets of all time." Join College of DuPage instructor Frank Serafino as we peek into the reclusive life and literary achievements of The Belle of Amherst.

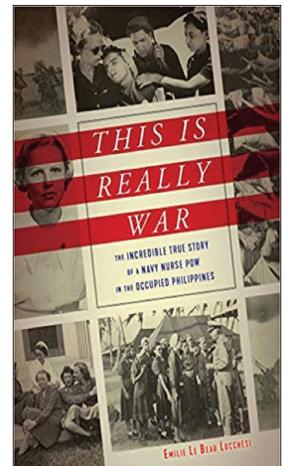


DECEMBER

This is Really War: The Incredible True Story of a Navy Nurse POW in the Occupied Philippines

Saturday, December 7 @ 10 am

Local author and journalist Emilie Le Beau Lucchesi, PhD, describes the experiences of Dorothy Still and twelve navy nurse POW's in WWII. They built up a prison infirmary and provided care even while under threat of starvation. All twelve nursed until the end; all twelve came home. The book was recently featured on WGN-TV, *The New York Times* and *Good Day Chicago*. Sponsored by Friends of the Library



Solving Common Behavior Problems in Dogs

Sunday, December 8 @ 2 pm

Join Andrea Salis from DuPage County Animal Services as she helps pet owners understand why their dog (mis)behaves, and how to identify and solve unwanted behaviors.



BY JASON PAPROCKI

2020 BUDGET PROCESS

The Village's budget is a management plan that details how valuable resources will be allocated to address community priorities and organizational objectives for the Village of Oak Brook. The Village of Oak Brook's budget process is underway for the next fiscal year (January 1 – December 31, 2020). Key steps along the way are outlined below:

1. The 2020 budget process begins with the Village department directors submitting their funding requests to the Village Manager and Finance Director in late August.
2. The Village Manager and Finance Director consider funding requests as the starting point to developing a draft budget. During September, there will be numerous meetings with key staff to discuss and evaluate funding requests. Adjustments to budget requests are made as deemed appropriate by the level of projected revenues for the upcoming year.
3. During October, a proposed 2020 budget is prepared by the Finance Department. Copies of the finalized draft budget will be posted online and available for viewing at the Village Hall and Library in late October.
4. The Village Board will hold two budget workshop meetings in early November to discuss the 2020 proposed budget. Residents are invited to attend these meetings. The meetings will also be broadcast and available for viewing online. Please check the Village's website for scheduled dates.
5. At the December 10, 2019 regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, a public hearing will take place regarding the 2020 Budget. Residents may participate in the public hearing. Given the outcome of the public hearing, the adoption of the final 2020 budget may occur during the same Board meeting.
6. In early 2020, the adopted budget will be sent to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) for consideration for its Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Oak Brook has previously won this award eight times.

The budget is an ongoing process combining citizen input, Village Board vision and direction, and staff

recommendations to meet community needs. The Village of Oak Brook strives to adopt a balanced budget that is open to citizen input and participation. Each resident can have a voice in deciding what the budget will be spent on and how it will be paid for before it is adopted.

Budget comments and suggestions may be submitted in a number of ways:

- Email Village Manager Rick Ginex (rginex@oak-brook.org) or Finance Director Jason Paprocki (jpaprocki@oak-brook.org).
- Reach out to the Village President and Board of Trustees.
- Attend a Village Board meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., 1200 Oak Brook Rd.) and speak during the Public Comment portion.
- Attend a Budget Workshop at Village Hall.

GFOA Budget Award

The Village of Oak Brook has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award for its 2019 Annual Budget from the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). This award was created to encourage and assist state and local governments prepare high quality budget documents. In order to receive the award, a budget document must be rated as proficient or outstanding by at least two of the three independent reviewers in a number of categories. This marks the eighth time the Village has been awarded the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

The 2019 Annual Budget, as well as a condensed executive summary of the budget, can be found on the Village's website at: <https://www.oak-brook.org/304/Financial-Documents>.

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Golf Club

BY SEAN CREED

Once again summer has flown by and hopefully you had a chance to enjoy it before the kids went back to school.

Due to the weather golf had a slow start to the season, but things have turned around and patrons have been enjoying golf rounds, youth programs, golf leagues and much more. The golf club staff has done a superb job this summer serving our members, residents and guests.

The patio has been great addition to the clubhouse and the events held there have been extremely well received. Please mark your calendar for Thursday, September 26th and come enjoy our next scheduled event featuring live music from Gina Gonzalez. She is amazing!

As fall approaches with milder temperatures and beautiful color, Oak Brook Golf Club will be full of activity. We will be hosting the Freeman Cup and everyone's favorite, The Kanuri Open (formally the Turkey Shoot). Lastly, I've been working with Village staff and Williams Architects, on the final phase of our golf clubhouse enhancements, we're all looking forward to the finished product.

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Village Clerk

BY CHARLOTTE PRUSS

The Village Clerk is an elected official, serving a four year term. It is the responsibility of the Clerk's Office to

- maintain all Village records
- take Board Meeting minutes
- process licensing
- coordinate local election information

This office is also accountable for updating the **Municipal Code Book** which contains all the ordinances pertaining to and governing the Village of Oak Brook. The book, formatted for easy printing, is available on the village website, www.oak-brook.org.

Voter Registration

These services are available at the municipal complex during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.) for both Cook and DuPage County residents. In order to register, residents must bring *two pieces of identification*. At least one of the items must have the resident's current Oak Brook address. If the resident is a naturalized citizen, naturalization information must be provided.



LIVE STREAMING — VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS

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

Freedom of Information (FOIA) Requests

Access to Village records can be obtained through a FOIA request. These requests can be made through an Online Submission or Downloading a form on the Village website (www.oak-brook.org) or by picking up a form at Village Hall. Requests for medical records will require a separate Medical Records Release Form, which is also available on our website.

Further information is available on our website or by calling the Charlotte Pruss, Village Clerk at 368-5052 or Kathy Vonachen, Deputy Clerk at 368-5024.

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BY BRIAN OTTOSEN

Kerry & Bobby's Rustic Wedding at Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club



Redwall Photo – Tasha Schalk

Last fall, Kerry and Bobby joined 171 close friends and family at the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club for their wedding reception.

Pat, Kerry's mother, had shared with us that her daughter was envisioning a barn wedding. After she toured our facility, she soon realized that Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club would be a perfect fit. Our beautiful venue is located in a private, wooded location in the Chicago suburbs, which is why it made for quite the romantic getaway for the couple to celebrate their marriage with all their loved ones.



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Tasty Catering was the first vendor to arrive on site. The customized menu they prepared for everyone included a carving station and a buffet. Their event team made sure everything was arranged for a smooth wedding flow. Menu items were chosen to ensure variety for all types of eaters. And the couple wanted an interactive element, so a carving station was perfect.



Redwall Photo – Tasha Schalk

After a hearty dinner, everyone quieted in their seats and listened to the moving speeches made by bridal party members.

A SWEET ENDING

As the bar service wound down, guests were treated to cake served in the Pond Room, an excellent way to end the day. Everyone enjoyed the beautiful fall night of fun, delicious food and memories. Congratulations to Kerry and Bobby!

Kind words from the happy couple: The Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club helped make our wedding everything we wanted it to be and more! Marianne and her team were extremely helpful and supportive throughout the whole process. They were happy to answer any questions and were very professional, organized, kind and easy to work with. The venue itself was exactly what I was looking for. The wood ceilings, floor-to-ceiling windows and amazing light fixtures created a gorgeous setting for our reception. The patio was a perfect spot for cocktail hour. The grounds provided amazing backgrounds for pictures. I would highly recommend this venue to any bride! --Kerry, via WeddingWire

If you're looking for an intimate location for your upcoming wedding, we'd love to discuss your vision and how you can make Oak Brook Bath & Tennis yours for the day. Reach out today!



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Jenna Marie Photography



Brian Sawson Photography



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YOUR DAY OF RUSTIC ROMANCE AWAITS YOU.

Join us at the award-winning Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club, a newly renovated venue with three elegant spaces and large patio. Its floor-to-ceiling windows reveal acres of breathtaking pastures and woodlands. A private, intimate experience in a convenient location in the Chicago suburbs.



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