

# OAK BROOK

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### VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK ELECTED OFFICIALS/BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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### CONNECT WITH THE VILLAGE

Website | [www.oak-brook.org](http://www.oak-brook.org) • Facebook | "Village of Oak Brook"  
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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](http://www.youtube.com/oakbrooktv)

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Even though this has been a mild winter, I am still longing for the warmth and sunshine of Spring!

Recent uncovered corruption and several federal indictments due to the installation of red light cameras on the corner of Rt. 83 and 22nd Street in Oakbrook Terrace have strengthened the position of Village against their use. The Village of Oak Brook has sent letters to Omer Osman, the Acting Secretary of Transportation, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference, Brad Cole, the Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League, Senator Ram Villivalam, Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and Governor JB Pritzker seeking their support in removing these cameras. The recent indictment of former Sen. Martin Sandoval confirmed what we have always suspected, that the permit was approved improperly and was part of an influence peddling and bribery scheme.

In 2017, we adopted an ordinance that bans any use of red light camera surveillance of motorists in Oak Brook. At our February 11th Board Meeting, we adopted another resolution seeking support for HB 322, the bi-partisan bill sponsored by state Representative David McSweeney, (R) of Barrington Hills, and Jonathan Carroll, (D) of Buffalo Grove. This bill would outlaw red light cameras in all non-home rule municipalities. More recently, new legislation has been introduced to ban all red light cameras statewide. We will continue to urge the Illinois Department of Transportation to revoke the unlawfully issued permit to Oakbrook Terrace that allowed them to install those cameras. We are dedicated to keeping the roads safe and the motorists free of unwarranted tickets.

As you may recall 2019's Taste of Oak Brook was cancelled due to inclement weather. I hope that we will have better luck this year! Since the departure of the McDonald's Corporation from Oak Brook, the Village has lost a major co-sponsorship for our annual Village event. As such, we have had to reevaluate the event and make some adjustments. Some of the on-going changes you will see, is the elimination of live entertainment, and an increase the parking fees. In addition, the Village will no longer allow event goers to bring in their own alcoholic

beverages. Beverages will be sold at the event. If you or someone you know is willing to partner with the Village for the Taste of Oak Brook event, there are many sponsorship opportunities that will assist the Village in defraying some of the expenses involved hosting this event. Please contact the Village Manager's office at 630-368-5026.

We are delighted to announce our arrangement with the Oak Brook Park District to assume responsibility to operate aspects of the of the Bath and Tennis Club including, Membership, Pool, Tennis, Programming and Soccer for this season and possibly for two additional years. Their expertise in the management of recreational facilities along with the renovations and repairs done by the Village will ensure an enjoyable summer for all members. Membership information and the Program Guide will be sent out shortly.

Pineoaks Partners is getting ready for the 2020 Polo season. This exhilarating sport gains more popularity every year and this season promises even more excitement. Visit [www.oakbrookpoloclub.com](http://www.oakbrookpoloclub.com) for a schedule of events and ticketing information.

Lastly, coyotes have become a nuisance in the Oak Brook area. We are asking that residents help in developing a solution by reporting coyote sightings at <http://scientificwildlifemanagement.com/report-a-sighting/>. Thank you in advance for providing this invaluable information.

As always, the Trustees, staff and I are here to serve you. Please contact us with your thoughts and concerns.

Kind Regards,

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# From the Manager's Desk

BY RICCARDO F. GINEX

Dear friends and residents;

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. We all look forward to an early Spring!

This past winter has been a very busy time for the Village. The Village Board looked at enhanced options for working with the Park District to reduce our operational expenses of our Sports Core. Specifically, having them continue to manage our pool operations and then taking on the additional responsibilities of our tennis facility and our soccer fields. At our January 14th Board meeting, the agreement was approved. This agreement can be renewed for two additional years. Village staff has been working closely with the Park District staff to make this season a better experience for all our members.

Additionally, the Village has partnered with the Park District on two other issues. We have entered into a long-term lease agreement with them to lease the gravel parking lot at the dead-end of Kensington Road. With the Park District acquiring the old McDonald's Soccer fields, the lease of the unused area will provide an opportunity for an additional 70 parking spaces for the teams that play here. The lease is for \$1.00 per year for 20 years and can be renewed for consecutive 20 year terms. Finally, as part of their master plan renovation to their baseball fields, the Park District intended to continue to replace their old fields lights with new LED ones. While the final replacement was not scheduled in their upcoming capital program, the Village worked with them to provide a \$500,000 loan from our Hotel/Motel Fund so they can install the remaining lights before the 2020 baseball season begins. The loan which has a 2% interest rate, will be paid back over a period of five years.

The renewed partnership and cooperation between both municipal entities will only enhance the recreational experience afforded our residents and visitors to Oak Brook.

If you visited our Golf Course "On the Patio" events last year, you saw the wonderful new renovation to our outdoor patio. Several of the events were held with very large crowds enjoying the music and "al fresco" atmosphere in the warm summer evenings. We are continuing to upgrade our Golf Clubhouse with the addition of a new bar area inside. Upgrades will be made to the flooring, furniture and interior, also. These new enhancements will allow our Golf Course to enrich the experience for those who play, shop or just want to dine in our wonderful new Clubhouse.

Also, the Village has decided to continue their relationship with Pineoak Partners for the 2020 Polo Season with ten polo matches this year.

Summer is right around the corner. I am sure you remember the torrential rains last year that cancelled our Taste of Oak



Brook. We are wishing for much better weather this year and hope to see you there to enjoy our wonderful fireworks display on Friday, July 3rd.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Riccardo F. Ginex". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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BY JAMES KRUGER

On Friday, January 31st, members of the Oak Brook Police Department Torch Run of Special Olympics Committee traveled down to Bloomington for the annual Kick Off conference. Every year, Special Olympics Illinois holds a daylong conference to recognize all of the great work police agencies across Illinois did the past year and recognize the agencies for what they were able to raise.

I am proud to say that due to the generosity of our community, and the hard work of our staff, the Oak Brook Police Department has been recognized as a "Gold Medal" level agency for raising a minimum of \$25,000. We have been featured on the back of the statewide t-shirt as one of the top agencies in Illinois for the past seven years. The department raised \$38,503.75 in 2019.

This year proved to be a little different for us. Unbeknownst to our staff, the state Torch Run committee selected the Oak Brook Police Department to receive the highest award given to any agency in a given year. We were selected to receive the Flame of Hope Award. Many of our integral staff members were in attendance to be recognized for all of the hard work they do every year. In August the Torch Run Committee sponsors our annual golf outing. Thanks to the support of the golfers who participate year after year, this very popular event has become our biggest fundraiser.

Our committee is also active throughout the year with other events such as our Tip A Cop event at Blueberry Hill that will be March 14th from 9 AM to 1 PM. Everyone is invited to come, have a great breakfast and be served by OBPD staff members. Merchandise will also be available for purchase.

As Chief, I am incredibly proud of our officers and civilian staff members who have made such an important contribution of their time and talent for this cause. I firmly believe it is the definition of community policing by demonstrating that there are issues greater than one's self and in working together with the community, we can truly make a difference in the lives of others and thereby in the very fabric of the community. Thank all of you as well for your constant support and generosity in our endeavors.



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BY BARRY LISS

## SMART 911

Over 80% of calls made to 9-1-1 come from wireless cellular phones. When you dial 9-1-1 from a cellular phone, the 9-1-1 call takers have very little information to help you – only your phone number and a very general sense of your location. This is a serious problem in an emergency when seconds count, particularly if you or your loved ones have medical conditions, or are unable to safely speak.

### The Solution is Smart 911

With Smart 911, you can provide 9-1-1 call takers and first responders critical information you want them to know in any kind of emergency.

Smart 911 allows first-responders to learn many important details before arriving to a scene. Police can gain quick access to photos of missing children, fire crews can arrive at a house already knowing the floor plan of a home and EMS can be advised of residents' allergies or specific medical conditions.

When you call 9-1-1, your Smart 911 Safety Profile displays on the 9-1-1 screen and the 9-1-1 call takers can view your addresses, medical information, home information, description of pets and vehicles, and emergency contacts. You can provide as much or as little information as you like.

Safety Profiles can fill in the gaps when the callers cannot. Along with providing important emergency contact information, Smart 911 allows you to choose to link your cellular phone to your home address – giving the 911 call center a starting point for an emergency call initiated from a cellular phone.

With Smart 911, citizens can choose to provide such information as pets in the home, vehicle details in the event of an accident, and even emergency contacts can be included in a Safety Profile. All information is optional, and the citizen has the ability to choose what details they would like to include.

Residents of Oak Brook are encouraged to create their Safety Profile by going to **SMART 911** today to have their information immediately available to 9-1-1 and to receive emergency notifications. Smart 911 is private and secure, is only used for emergency responses, and it is only made available to the 9-1-1 system in the event of an emergency call. Smart 911 is a national service meaning your Smart 911 Safety Profile travels with you and is visible to any participating 9-1-1 center nationwide.

The Village of Oak Brook is proud to be an active member and user of Smart 911. Smart 911 is currently available in 40 states and more than 1,500 municipalities across the country, and has been credited with positively impacting emergency outcomes.

## SAFETY PROFILES CAN INCLUDE:



*People living in your household*



*Phone numbers associated with your family*



*Pets, service animals, and livestock*



*Medical conditions and allergies*



*Medications and medical equipment*



*Property details, layout, and utility information*



*Vehicle descriptions*



*Emergency contacts*

**Smart 911 can save lives and increase response time.**

**Join and create your Smart 911 Safety Profile today.**

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# CENSUS 2020

## Oak Brook Counts



The Federal Government distributes money based on a Village's population per the Census count. Our Village will receive money to support many government funded programs based on the Census. The 2020 Census will be the basis for this funding for the next ten years 2021 - 2030. Our Constitution requires that all residents of the United States are to be counted in the Census every ten years.



The Census Count is also used to determine how many representatives we have in congress.



Historically the under-counted people who did not participate in the Census are children under 5, immigrants, & low income people.

The 2020 Census begins in mid-March 2020 with a mailing from the Census people and goes until July 31, 2020. You can complete the questionnaire (Census Form) on the internet, on paper and mail it in, or for some persons with disability by telephone.



BY JACOB POST

## LIBRARY NOTES

Each April, the Oak Brook Public Library is honored to join libraries all across the country in celebrating National Library Week. This event aims to highlight the many ways libraries transform their communities through the services and expertise they offer. This year, National Library Week takes place from April 19 to April 25. Stop in that week for special activities and programs.

April is also the month the Friends of the Oak Brook Public Library hold their annual Used Book Sale. This sale has over 7,500 gently used items that are carefully selected from generous donations. The items are organized by genre and include a wide array of DVDs and CDs. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to find treasured titles at low prices. The sale runs from Thursday, April 16 to Saturday, April 18. There is an early entrance fee of \$5 per person to enter the sale on Thursday from 10 am to 2 pm. After 2 pm, there is no entry fee for the remainder of the sale. There is an additional \$5 charge for those wishing to use an electronic scanning device within the book sale. Cash or check will be accepted. Members of the Friends are permitted free early entry. If you want first crack at the books and want to save \$5, become a member of the Friends today! We are also looking for volunteers to help set up and assist with the sale. If interested, please contact the Library.

New this year is what the Friends are calling a "Prequel." It is a sale before the book sale and it takes place in the display cases of the Library's lobby from March 23 to April 18. Items available for immediate purchase include a variety of Great Courses (DVDs and workbooks), signed editions, and other special selections. The selections will change as items are sold, so be sure to check out the display cases every time you are at the Library. Cash or check will be accepted.

If the programs listed don't draw you to the Library this Spring, how about taking advantage of the Library numerous free databases. A few highlights include ConsumerReports, Kanopy, Lynda, Morningstar and Mango Languages. All these services are available at the Library or can be viewed from home with an Oak Brook library card. Visit the Library's website for a complete list of databases or reach out to one of the Library's reference librarians for more information. Staff will be happy to answer any questions or provide a demonstration.

And last but not least, remember that the Library has close to 100,000 informative and entertaining items awaiting your perusal and checkout! Don't be a stranger this Spring. We hope to see you soon.



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## LIBRARY CALENDAR

### APRIL

#### Illinois Watercolor Society: Meeting and Demonstration

Featured artist: Bob Holmes  
Saturday, April 4 @ 10 am



Illinois Watercolor Society returns in 2020 with quarterly meetings and demonstrations open to everyone. Join featured artist Bob Holmes as he discusses and demonstrates his artwork depicting the rural life of small towns and farms and invokes feelings of the serenity and happiness felt from those times.

#### Creative Cartooning Workshop for Kids: Shark vs Truck

Saturday, April 4 @ 1 pm  
Ages 8 - 12



Back by popular demand! Professional cartoonist Mark Anderson has created another wonderful workshop. Kids will learn how to draw Mark's two most requested things; sharks and trucks! What happens next? Who knows, but you know it's going to be fun! Registration required.

#### Coin & Currency Appraisals Wednesday, April 8 @ 7 pm



Dave Ekstrom has given over 100 library presentations in the Chicago area. He will explain what determines the value of coins and currency (including both gold and silver). Bring in your coins for a fun "Antique Roadshow" appraisal at the end of the program!

#### Fullersburg Historic Foundation Sunday, April 26 @ 2 pm



The Foundation's mission is to raise funds to restore the Ben Fuller Farmhouse, built in 1843, and develop educational programs and exhibits. Learn about the upcoming gorgeous multimedia Light Show coming this summer, in which massive projectors light up the facade of the Benjamin Fuller Home as the story of Fullersburg, Graue Mill, Salt Creek and the brave pioneers who settled here are brought to life in front of you.

### MAY

#### Evergreen Concert: The Sons of the Never Wrong

Sunday, May 3 @ 3 pm



The Friends of the Library presents Sons of the Never Wrong, a turbo-charged Altfolk trio from Chicago that delivers witty, whimsical songs with their signature soaring vocal harmonies and gorgeous arrangements. Seating begins at 2:30 pm and fills up fast. Refreshments will be served afterwards.

### **Piano Concert with Terry Andrew Saturday, May 9 @ 2 pm**

Pianist Terry Andrew has been performing in the Chicago area for over 30 years as a solo artist and band member. Enjoy his wide variety of styles including the great jazz standards, blues, Latin, Dixieland and, yes, rock-and-roll!



### **Emerson: A Mind on Fire Tuesday, May 12 @ 7 pm**

Tom Mackey, a resident of Oak Brook with an M.A. in English, is an enthusiast and student of Emerson and Thoreau. Join him as he brings to life the Transcendentalist writer of "Self-Reliance."



### **Take a Meditation Vacation Saturday, May 16 @ 10 am**

Just as a vacation helps us take a break from the stress of daily life, so does meditation. Through meditation, we can tap into this inner retreat anytime we wish. Join longtime meditator Zelma Chamberlain to learn how to tap into an internal state of calm and joy.



### **Ladies of Laughter: Great Comediennes Saturday, May 30 @ 2 pm**

Join Film Historian Dr. Annette Bochenek as she presents the funny women of film, television, and radio, including Gracie Allen, Lucille Ball, Eve Arden and more. The program will include a multimedia presentation consisting of photos, video clips and captivating stories.



## **JUNE**

### **Illinois Watercolor Society: Meeting and Demonstration Saturday, June 6 @ 10 am Featured artist: TBD**

### **Chris Fascione: Juggling Funny Stories**

#### **Saturday, June 6 @ 1 pm**

You'll be laughing out loud as nationally-known family entertainer Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life. With his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy and juggling, Chris brings out the kid in everyone. Adults and children alike will have fun participating in the show. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



### **WWII: Spy vs Spy Saturday, June 13 @ 2 pm**

Total war led to total espionage as each major participant in the Second World War attempted to fathom the actions of the opposition – and in some cases even of its allies. The results ranged from the sublime to the ridiculous, but there was nothing humorous about this deadly game. Like chess, each move engendered a countermove. This program reviews some most famous and some little remembered espionage efforts of the war including German saboteurs landing on America's East Coast, Japanese efforts against Pearl Harbor, Soviet penetration into the atomic bomb's Manhattan Project, British Enigma decrypts of German radio transmissions and other actions.



### **Movie Music Romance Saturday, June 20 @ 2 pm**

"Movie Music Romance" is a compilation of 23 classic songs and dances from among the finest in film history. In this uplifting presentation by John LeGear, familiar faces abound, among them Fred Astaire, Judy Garland, Julie Andrews and John Travolta. And yet it's fresh. It's different. Most scenes are cast in a new light, from a different perspective, often re-edited to blend with accompanying music in a new way.



### **Todd Downing Music Show: Tall Tales & Silly Songs Thursday, June 25 @ 11 am Ages 2-8**

Singer, songwriter and comedian Todd Downing has been entertaining and educating kids for many years. With his guitar, puppets and unexpected quips, he keeps audiences surprised and delighted. Registration is required. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



### **Solving Common Behavior Problems in Dogs Saturday, June 27 @ 2 pm**

Andy Salis from DuPage County Animal Services returns for her popular workshop to help pet owners understand why their dog (mis)behaves, and how to identify and solve unwanted behaviors.



# Finance Department

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BY JASON PAPROCKI

## 2020 Budget Approved

The Village Board approved the 2020 Municipal Budget on December 10, 2019. The 2020 Budget continues to be a fiscally responsible financial plan that will enable the Village to continue to provide the community with high quality municipal services and special events that enhance the quality of life of all residents and meet the needs of the business community.

There are a number of internal and external factors taken into account when compiling the municipal budget. Some of the issues the Village faces include long-term stability of its sales tax base, increasing pension obligations, rising health care costs, and the funding for equipment, infrastructure, and building capital improvements. The 2020 annual budget was developed in a way to balance and address these factors.

The Village's General Fund cash reserve balance deserves special mention, as it continues to be an important aspect in the Village's position of fiscal strength. One of the Village's financial policies is to maintain a cash balance reserve of at least six months of operating expenditures in the General Fund. The projected ending cash balance for 2020 in the General Fund is \$20.8 million, which is equal to 10.7 months of operating expenses. This is \$9.1 million above the Village's six-month operating reserve requirement. In total, the Village projects to end 2020 with a healthy cash balance of \$29.7 million across all funds. It's common practice for certain funds to accumulate and reserve money over a period of time before expending it on major capital projects. In most cases, this accounts for any budgeted losses you will see in individual funds.

The total Village-wide 2019 budgeted revenues are \$56.4 million, which is up \$2.0 million, or 3.7%, compared to the 2019 Budget. This is mainly due to increases in projected building permit revenue, sales and non-home rule sales tax, utility/telecommunications tax, interest income, Interfund transfers, and water rates. The General Fund, which is the Village's main operating fund, includes total 2020 budgeted revenues of \$26.1 million. The General Fund houses many key functions of the Village, including police, fire, public works, library, and general administration. Sales tax revenue accounts for nearly half of the budgeted General Fund revenues. General Fund sales tax revenue is projected to be \$12.5 million in 2020, or 1.4% higher than last year's budget. The Village collected nearly \$12.6 million in general sales tax for 2019, which was up 1.8% from 2018.

The total Village-wide 2020 budgeted expenditures are \$66.6 million, which is a decrease of \$2.1 million, or 3.1%, compared to the 2019 budget. This is primarily due to a decrease in major capital improvements in the Hotel/Motel Tax Fund. Some of the major capital projects for 2020 are:

- Salt Storage Facility Construction, \$1.9 million
- Windsor Street/Bridge Widening, \$2.6 million
- York Road/Harger Road Intersection Reconstruction, \$2.3 million
- Brook Forest Water Main Replacement Phase 2, \$2.9 million

Contributions to the Village's public safety pension plans are budgeted at \$4.4 million in 2020, which is an increase of approximately \$187,000 from 2019 contributions. The Village has been committed to paying 100% of the recommended actuarial contribution in order to have the pension funds completely funded by 2040.

We will continue to evaluate our operations to make certain we are providing services to our citizens and corporate business partners as efficiently and economically as possible. Thank you to everyone for their continued commitment in making Oak Brook a great community to live and work.

### Budget In Brief Document

The Village is excited to release its second Budget in Brief document for fiscal year 2020. This document presents a high-level summary of the Village's 2020 annual budget that some users may find easier to read and understand. The full 2020 budget document spans over 300 pages in length and details over \$66 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 2020 budget document.

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

### Water Rate Increase

Water rates increased 7% effective January 1, 2020. The residential rate increased from \$10.50 to \$11.24 per 1,000 gallons and the non-resident rate increased from \$12.40 to \$13.27 per 1,000 gallons. The monthly fixed charge of \$10 per account remains unchanged.

The rate increases were recommended as part of a water rate study that was performed in 2018. Water rates are determined at an amount to pay for current operations and fund future capital projects. A copy of the full study can be found on the Village website at: <http://www.oak-brook.org/186/Water-Rates>.

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# Sports Core

BY SEAN CREED

## WELCOME 2020 GOLF SEASON!

Welcome everyone to spring.

The staff at the golf course have been very busy this winter making interior upgrades to both the lounge area and adding a new bar at our food and beverage area. We are hoping after each round of golf you will be able to enjoy are outside patio or our newly decorated interior. The new interior includes a relaxing conversation area, complete with a fireplace. We have added all new seating and tables as well as new lighting throughout.

In the food and beverage area we have added a bar and new style seating as well as new flooring throughout.

We are all excited for everyone to enjoy the new golf improvements either after golf or if you are planning a party or just want to enjoy some good food and conversation at our new bar, everyone is welcome.

Please keep your calendar open for our very popular

summer patio parties planned again this year, live music and great camaraderie are on the menu.

So, hopefully by the time you read this the golf season will be already in full swing and what was supposed to be a “mild winter” was a mild winter.

Jeff Kawucha our Head Golf Professional and Claudine Boettger our Assistant Golf Professional and the rest of the staff are ready to make your 2020 golf season at OBGC one of the best.

As the year progresses we hope to see everyone enjoy the sports core in whatever capacity suits you don't forget the polo season starts in June and runs thru September with ten polo Sundays planned. Please see the village web site for details

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## Information Technology Department

BY JIM FOX

### Next Generation 911 (NG911) Arriving Soon

For more than 40 years, 911 systems have served the needs of the public in emergencies. As communication technologies have evolved to include wireless phones, text and picture messaging, video chat, social media, and Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) devices, the public expects that 911 services will also be able to accept information from these communication methods. While efforts are underway across the nation to enable call centers to accept text messages, the future success of 911 in serving the public's needs will only be possible when Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) have transitioned to an Internet Protocol (IP)-based 911 system, commonly referred to as Next Generation 911 or NG911.

Because most 911 systems were originally built using analog rather than digital technologies, public safety answering points (PSAPs) across the country need to be upgraded to a digital or Internet Protocol (IP)-based 911 system, commonly referred to as Next Generation 911 (NG911).

The success and reliability of 911 will be greatly improved with the implementation of NG911, as it will enhance emergency number services to create a faster, more resilient system to flow seamlessly from the public to the 911 network.

NG911 will also improve PSAP ability to help manage call overload, natural disasters, and transferring of 911 calls and proper jurisdictional responses based on location tracking.

While the technology to implement these new IP-based 911 systems is available now, the transition to NG911 will involve much more than just new computer hardware and software. Implementing NG911 in states and counties nationwide will require the coordination of a variety of emergency communication, public safety, legislative and governing entities.

NG911 will enhance emergency number services by creating a faster, more resilient system that allows digital information (e.g., voice, photos, videos, text messages) to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 911 network and eventually, directly to first responders. It will also enable 911 call centers to transfer 911 calls to other call centers, and help them deal with call overload, disasters, and day-to-day transfer of 911 calls to other jurisdictions.

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BY TONY BUDZIKOWSKI

## NATIONAL FLOOD INSURANCE PROGRAM

Community Rating System (CRS) Outreach

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](http://www.FEMA.gov) for additional flood related information.

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BY DOUG PATCHIN

## SPRING 2020

Once again, we have made it through another Chicago winter, some of which, shockingly enough, occurred in October on Halloween. Public Works staff has been busy plowing, salting and filling potholes. We are continuing to work with contractors on water main projects and removing the invasive Buckthorn from the areas west of the Bath & Tennis swimming pool and along Salt Creek.

With the late fall of the Autumn leaves and the early snow in October, Village crews were able to pick up 6,427 cubic yards of raked leaves and closeout the program on schedule. Yard waste collection will resume April 1st on the same day as refuse and recycling collection. Yard waste must be placed in waterproof plastic or metal containers with a tight cover or biodegradable Kraft bags, no larger than 35 gallons and not exceeding 50 lbs. All units set out must have an affixed yard waste sticker. Stickers are available from Flood Brothers, Village Hall and local Jewel stores for \$2.25 per sticker. Please remember the Village does not offer brush pickup. This must be disposed of through a tree service, landscape contractor or the Village's refuse service, Flood Brothers. Bundles of brush or limbs will be accepted providing that the bundles do not exceed 50 lbs per bundle, are not more than 4 feet long, are not more than two feet in diameter, do not contain limbs greater than 3 inches in diameter and are tied with a material that is compostable. Please remember you can always refer to the Village's website for additional information on refuse and yard waste collection.

With the warmer Spring weather arriving, it's time to take care of some simple yet important housekeeping tasks. Homeowners should perform an inspection of their property ensuring drainage pathways that take water away from foundations are pitched from the home and clear of debris. Keep drainage in mind during the upcoming garden and spring clean up season. Avoid trapping water against your home's foundation with too much soil or mulch. Gutters, downspouts and area drains

have a tendency to collect debris over the winter. Now is a great time to ensure these drainage features are clog-free and functioning properly.

Spring is also a good time to check timers and scheduling of your home's irrigation system. As a water conservation reminder, outdoor watering is permitted as follows:

### Odd-Numbered Street Addresses

Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday

### Even-Numbered Street Addresses

Wednesday, Friday and Sunday

6:00 AM until 10:00 AM & 6:00 PM until 10:00 PM

### WATERING IS PROHIBITED ON MONDAY

Watering cans or hand-held watering devices may be used at any time on any day. Customers with private wells are encouraged to utilize their wells for all outside watering purposes. Newly planted sod or seed may be watered for a maximum period of two (2) weeks from the date of installation. Please notify the Village's Water Department at 630-368-5270.

2020 marks another year of capital projects. Some worthy of mention are the Windsor Drive widening and beautification, York and Harger Roads intersection improvements, Harger Road multi-use path and water main extensions, phase I Brook Forest street improvements, phase II Brook Forest water main replacement, and the list goes on.

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## ELECTION INFORMATION



This is just a reminder to our residents that the 2020 United States presidential election will occur on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Be sure to register to vote before the deadline prior to the election. Voter registration occurs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday in the Village Hall; the Village Library from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please contact the Library at 990-2222 to ensure that a Deputy Registrar is on duty for voter registration.

In-person absentee voting will be available to Village residents prior to election day. Applications for absentee ballots will also be available for those residents who will not be available to vote in person.

## 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](http://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.

## Warm Weather Encourages Door-to-Door Solicitors

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

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

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

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

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

**Free "No Solicitors" signs are available at the Village Hall and solicitors must honor those signs and not attempt to contact you.**

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Village Clerk  
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BY BRIAN OTTOSEN

## Nicole & Adrian's Sweet Summer Wedding



Kristen Cloyd Photography

On a beautiful June evening, Nicole and Adrian professed their love for each other at Oak Brook Bath and Tennis Club. They invited 144 family members and friends to share their special day.

### A SWEET CEREMONY BY THE POND

At 5:30 p.m., the guests took their seats on the patio in front of our pond and a gorgeous honeycomb-shaped trellis adorned with white roses. The entire bridal party wore white to match them. Of course it was Nicole and Adrian who were absolutely glowing, Nicole in a stunning gown and floral crown and Adrian in a sharp blue suit. All the bouquets and floral arrangements on the trellis and at the reception were provided by Diana Zepeda of Diana's Florals.



Kristen Cloyd Photography

### SMALL BITES AND MINGLING

After a moving ceremony, guests dispersed for a lively cocktail hour.

### A FEW WORDS, CHICAGO - STYLE EATS AND A MEMORABLE CELEBRATION

After a few drinks and a hearty hour of mingling, everyone took their seats in the Clubhouse for introductions and toasts, as well as the cake cutting. The Clubhouse was pristinely dressed in white linens, centerpieces of flowers and candles as well as photos and other details that were important to the couple.



Kristen Cloyd Photography

The couple wanted their guests to enjoy a Chicago-style menu complete with hot dogs and pizza!

After dinner came the dancing! The first dances were truly a sight to behold. Afterward, guests made their way to the dance floor, where Luigi from Forever Young DJs was ready to get the party started. Friends and family let loose for an epic dance-off.

### ALL KINDS OF SWEETS

Dessert had a little bit of everything—cupcakes, brownies, cookies and A DONUT WALL. There were certainly enough treats and joy to go around for everyone. What a sweet ending to a love-filled affair.



Kristen Cloyd Photography

Kind Words from the Bride: *Marianne at Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club is truly amazing. The venue itself is breath taking with an inside/ outside ceremony option. There is a pond area or you can get married on the patio which overlooks the beautiful pond. The inside is amazing with a huge brick fireplace and gorgeous chandeliers hanging from the ceiling I got so many compliments after my wedding day. It was truly a dream wedding. I would highly recommend this venue to anyone in the process of planning a wedding or special event!* -Nicole, via the Knot

If you're looking to create a personalized wedding like Nicole and Adrian, we'd love to discuss your vision and how you can make Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club yours for the day. [Reach out today!](#)



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TASTE OF OAK BROOK

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BEGINS AT DUSK [AROUND 9:15 PM]

Relax on the grounds beginning at 4:00 pm  
Food & Beverages will be available for purchase\*

\*No outside alcohol permitted • Parking \$20 (cash only)

\*Fireworks-Only Raindate Saturday July 4 at dusk\*

Enjoy cuisine from some of the  
finest restaurants in Oak Brook!

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Need more info? [www.oak-brook.org/taste](http://www.oak-brook.org/taste)