OAK LAWN Clippings

May, 1994

Dear Resident:

Welcome to the first edition of the Village newsletter "Lawn Clippings." The Village plans to produce and distribute this informational bulletin three times each year. Our goal is to provide useful information on a wide variety of topics reflecting Oak Lawn.

In this first edition, I would like to take just a few moments to review what we at the Village Hall have been doing.

First, the Village Board has approved plans to relocate the Village Hall operations into the Public Safety Building. This plan is a well conceived, financially sound decision. By utilizing 9,000 square feet of vacant basement area and, with a few minor modifications to the upper floors, the Village will, in effect, have a new Village Hall. The advantages are many but one substantial benefit will be realized through the savings of considerable maintenance dollars with the demolition of the old Village Hall.

Second, with the razing of the Village Hall, our downtown area will be brightened with a small park to be developed near Dumke Drive. The proposed park plan includes open spaces, gardens, a tot lot and a Veteran's Memorial. This development will finalize a commitment to the Oak Lawn Park District which ten years ago donated land for our commuter parking lot in exchange for this new open area.

Third, the Village is working on several development projects throughout the community. While each project is unique, the primary purpose of each undertaking is to create investment in Oak Lawn. Each new venture improves the overall strength of our Village by providing new construction and, ultimately, an enhanced tax base.

In closing, I sincerely believe that Oak Lawn has been, is, and always will be a great place to live, work and raise our families. All of us should be proud that our Village is such a blessed community.

Sincerely,

Ernie Kolb

Ernest F. Kolb
Mayor

Now is an Exciting Time to Live and Invest in Oak Lawn!

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Spring 1994

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People you should know

Gene Gallagher: Member, Oak Lawn VFW Post No. 5220

For many years, Gene Gallagher has been an active member of the Johnson-Phelps VFW Post as well as the Oak Lawn Veterans' Memorial Foundation. Because of Gene's active participation in the USO, armed services personnel are enjoying facilities at Midway Airport today. Currently, Gene and his colleagues at the VFW are raising funds to build a veteran's memorial. Numerous charitable projects throughout the Village have received the benefit of Gene's labors through the years. For his many years of giving, Gene Gallagher deserves the respect of all of us.

Joe Faber: Village Manager, Village of Oak Lawn

Since May of 1993, the Village "buck" has been stopping at the desk of Joe Faber. Ensuring the smooth operation of a Village the size of Oak Lawn calls for the teamwork of a fine staff, some very long days, and often some very long nights as well. Joe's wealth of experience and knowledge in municipal matters, including over 7 years as the Village Finance Director, is evident in his adept handling of the administration of this Village. Joe Faber is dedicated, responsible and accessible. His office is located at the Village Hall or by phone at 499-7743.

Genie Meyer: Oak Lawn Senior Citizens Council

Genie Meyer is perhaps the "President" of senior citizens in Oak Lawn, Genie has been active in countless senior projects. She works at the Oak Lawn Senior Center and continues to donate time and effort to provide a better life for senior citizens. Recently, Genie was instrumental in securing a new senior bus for our community. Genie Meyer is definitely quite a gal!

Tom Moran: Chief, Oak Lawn Fire Department

In February of 1966, Tom Moran started his career as a young firefighter. Tom has since worked his way through the ranks to become the Fire Chief in October of last year. Residents of Oak Lawn can look with pride at their Fire Department — one of only twelve in the United States to be granted a #1 rating. As Chief, Tom is responsible for the operation of three fire stations, three 4-man fire engines, two paramedic vehicles, two support vehicles and one heavy duty rescue squad. Tom Moran, along with his highly trained staff, certainly deserve our support and appreciation.

Jim Casey: Director, Oak Lawn Public Library

One of our community's greatest assets is the Oak Lawn Public Library. This facility is without question the finest library in the southwest suburbs. Every day, hundreds of people use the many resources available. Jim Casey, the library director, is the person most responsible for this success story. Each day, Jim can be found working diligently within the library to improve service. He is readily accessible and enjoys suggestions from library patrons. Jim Casey is definitely a good person to know.

Jim Spallina: Sergeant, Oak Lawn Police Department

Sergeant Spallina has many duties but none more important than running the Village D.A.R.E. program. Each school year, hundreds of Oak Lawn young people receive comprehensive instruction in drug awareness through this well respected program. Jim Spallina has worked countless hours to help our children cope with the complicated issue of drugs in our society. Jim is without doubt an asset to our community.

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Recycle
Glass,
Cans,
Plastic,
Newspaper

HELPFUL TIPS!

- Do not put magazines or other papers in with newspapers. Take the magazines to the Village drop off.
- Cover newspapers with plastic in inclement weather.
- Rinse cans and remove the paper labels.
- ONLY plastic beverage bottles (pop, milk, juice, water jugs) are acceptable.

1st Annual Business Expo and Auto Sale

DOWNTOWN OAK LAWN — 95TH & COOK
MAY 21, 1994
9:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Food Tent

Day Long Entertainment

Tim Balster
Magician/Illusionist
main stage 10:00-10:40 AM
strolling 11:00-12:00 PM

Ken Schultz
Juggler/Variety
main stage 11:00-11:40 AM
strolling 12:00-1:00 PM

Mr. Taps
Dance/Audience Participation
main stage 12:00-12:40 PM
strolling 1:00-2:00 PM

Garfield Goose & Friends
Puppet Show
main stage 1:00-2:00 PM

WBUS 99.5 Live Broadcast
main stage 2:00-3:39 PM

Karen Dale Band
Country & Western Band
main stage 4:00-5:30 PM

Mike Mauthe
Strolling Clown/Juggler
strolling 10:00-1:00 PM

Hear Ye . . . Hear Ye!

In an effort to revitalize downtown Oak Lawn, enhance our local business community and continue to stabilize our tax base, the Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring a downtown Oak Lawn Car Sale. For one day only, over 200 cars will be available for inspection and purchase. The Park District will provide an all day stage show with a variety of acts and entertainment. A food tent will house several different vendors offering a choice of many local delicacies. This one day event promises to be worth the trip, whether buying a car or just browsing.If anyone is interested, further information may be obtained from the Village Manager's office at 499-7743.

Come One . . . Come All!

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Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

May, 1994

Business Expo and Auto Sale

June, 1994

Oak Lawn Farmers Market
Chamber (opening day)

July, 1994

Chamber Golf Outing
Palos Country Club

August, 1994

Family Days
Aug. 3-7
Oak Lawn

FOR CHAMBER INFORMATION
Call 424-8300

Reliability Summary

Maintaining a high degree of reliability of service is extremely important to both Commonwealth Edison and its customers. Edison provides 24-hour toll-free telephone service to assist our customers in reporting outages or in discussing their electric service.

The 24-hour number is **1-800-EDISON-1.** All calls to this number are recorded and tracked electronically. A major benefit of this one number telephone system is to allow Edison to quickly and accurately analyze problems and restore service. It is imperative that all customer outages are reported by using this number.

Expanded Village Hall Hours

The Village Hall is open the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month until 8:00 p.m. You may pay water bills, purchase vehicle stickers or register to vote.

Trustee's Views

DISTRICT 1 — TRUSTEE CY HOLESHA

Since being appointed a Trustee 11 months ago, I have enjoyed a very enriching experience. Your calls, requests and questions have been of great interest to me. It has been my pleasure to meet each resident that called during this period of time.

When writing my letter of introduction in June 1993, it was our intention to use the Neighborhood Watch organization as a vehicle to reach all residents of District 1. Much to my surprise and disappointment, any files and meeting records prepared are no longer in existence. Due to this situation, we are requesting all previously appointed block captains, as well as all District 1 residents, contact me at home, 430-1849, or the office 499-7792. The Neighborhood Watch concept is an invaluable aid to our Police Department in the battle against an ever increasing volume of crime in today's society.

It is only with the involvement of our entire community that we will attain our goal of a safe and secure area in which to live and raise our families.

At present, the Dearborn Heights area of District 1 has the only viable Neighborhood Watch group. Dearborn Heights is between 95th and 99th from Nashville to Harlem. The leaders of this group have worked diligently to produce a meaningful and responsive organization. During the past 11 months, the residents of this area have been instrumental in the reporting of several situations which resulted in the arrests and convictions of the individuals involved.

If you have any questions or concerns about any aspect of life in District 1 or the Village of Oak Lawn, I look forward to hearing from you. It has been and will continue to be my pledge to respond to each and every resident contact.

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DISTRICT 3

Hello, friends and neighbors. My name is Bob Streit and I have served a

During my tenure as Trustee, I have focused on many important village

I proposed and passed a Village Board resolution prohibiting ti spos
for and actively supported the 2 a.m. bar closings.

As a small business owner here in Oak Lawn, I have taken a keen inter
should be run like a business and be more financially accountable.

I have tried to bring that perspective to the Village Board.

This coming year may well represent the most significant changes in ou
history.

There currently are plans to demolish the Village Hall and move employees into the Public Safety Center. A developer, meanwhile, has been selected to construct a multi-family highrise building on

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CLERK'S CORNER — JAYNE POWERS

In this first issue of the Clerk's Corner, there is some general information about the Clerk's office and our duties that you should know. Of utmost importance, is that we are here to assist you with any and all business you may have with the Village. If we don't have the answer, we will definitely do the appropriate search and get back to you in a timely manner.

The responsibilities of the Village Clerk vary but, quickly stated, the Clerk is the Keeper of the Records. The Clerk prepares all agendas for the Board of Trustees meetings; attends and records the business conducted. The Minutes are prepared, published and available for the public in this office.

Another reason you may visit the Clerk's Office would be to register to vote. Anyone turning 18 years of age or moving from one address to another must register to be eligible to vote in the next election. Two forms of identification are required to prove your residency. New citizens must show proof of citizenship when registering for the first time.

Handicapped parking permits will expire on June 30, 1994. New permits may be picked up at the Village Hall reception desk, the Office of Quality Control or the Clerk's office. New applicants must have a letter from their doctor.

In subsequent issues, we will describe other services of the Clerk's office. Questions before that time may be directed to Jayne or Dee at 499-7738.

DISTRICT 5

As the third Book of Ecclesiastes

"A Time To Speak Up" Seeking
Last June, many residents, espe
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concerns and seek assistance. I
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"A Time to Plant" Wetlands:
If you live near or have passed b

Unsure of your District? Call the Village Hall, 636-4400.

Village of OAK LAWN

DISTRICT 2 TRUSTEE RONALD M. STANCIK

As many of you are painfully aware, we have had more frequent and serious power outages from Commonwealth Edison than we have had in the past. These interruptions of power disrupt our lives and, most recently, are becoming very expensive.

With the help of our local newspaper reporters, Trustee Holesha e successful in persuading several executives of Commonwealth maintenance program in our Village. We are cautiously optimistic ny power outages.

tant actions that you as residents can do for all of us is to inform the tages so that we can report and monitor these events. We believe that ower outages to the representatives of Commonwealth Edison, we in solve any problems.

blems with our electrical power, but if we do, please let us know.

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TRUSTEE BOB STREIT

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TRUSTEE MARGE JOY

states, "THERE IS A RIGHT TIME FOR EVERYTHING."

ood Relief:
lally those in the Oakdale Subdivision, came to the Village xperiencing excessive flooding to their property. Since that lave met with residents and members of the Metropolitan D) on numerous occasions to seek relief from an on-going District, with engineering credentials and expertise, have with our staff to review maps, make inquiries, study sewers at it is imperative that continual maintenance and flow in Stony further flooding. Mayor Kolb has requested that a meeting of the Oak Lawn in which residents and officials can express their would encourage residents to contact members of the MWRD and ice a meeting.

108th & Laramie, you are aware that Phase I, excavation of the

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DISTRICT 4 TRUSTEE MIKE WALSH

The big news in District 4 is the new development north of 95th Street at Christ Hospital and the Park District. Tentative plans for additional hospital construction and a Park District ice arena are on the drawing board. Obviously, new development can be a great improvement, beautifying the area and increasing property values. On the other hand, the impact on traffic, parking and the peace and tranquility of the residents cannot be unduly disturbed.

With that goal in mind, I have taken steps to obtain a comprehensive long term plan from hospital officials. They have been advised of all necessary Village approvals and steps are being taken to obtain a traffic study prior to any major construction

The traffic and parking impact of the new Park District ice arena is also being reviewed. If any residents have questions or comments on these or any other matters, please feel free to call me at 499-7792.

DISTRICT 6 TRUSTEE BILL KEANE

Welcome to the first edition of your Village newsletter. It's not exactly the information super highway we hear so much about, but it is a way to keep you informed about the programs and plans of the Village.

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH – District 6 is the only area in the Village that is not completely covered by the neighborhood watch program. We still have two sections of our district to present the program to, and these sections will be completed by October. During the past several months we have had several cars vandalized, especially in the condo and apartment areas. Help our police with an extra set of eyes. Call 422-8292 whenever you see something that doesn't look right.

DISTRICT MEETING – On Feb. 14th we had our first district meeting, and I introduced Joe Faber, our Village Manager, to the 65 people who attended. The discussion and subsequent questions concerned changes in Village management, upcoming public works programs, and the importance of business development and shopping in Oak Lawn to

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NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH MEETING SCHEDULE
MAY, 1994 THRU AUGUST, 1994

DISTRICT I — TRUSTEE CY HOLESHA
(No meetings scheduled May thru August)

DISTRICT II — TRUSTEE RONALD STANCIK
(No meetings scheduled May thru August)

DISTRICT III — TRUSTEE ROBERT STREIT

DATE	TIME
May 18th	8:00 p.m.
June 15th	8:00 p.m.

DISTRICT IV — TRUSTEE MICHAEL WALSH

DATE	TIME
June 7th	7:30 p.m.
July 5th	7:30 p.m.
August 2nd	7:30 p.m.
September 6th	7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT V — TRUSTEE MARJORIE JOY

DATE	TIME
June 1st	7:30 p.m.
July 6th	7:30 p.m.
(No meeting scheduled in August)	
September 14th	7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT VI — TRUSTEE WILLIAM KEANE

DATE	TIME
May 11th	7:30 p.m.
June 8th	7:30 p.m.
July 13th	7:30 p.m.
August 10th	7:30 p.m.

TOPICS: Crime prevention, gang awareness, car jackings, locks and lighting in and around your home or business, and general safety measure

LOCATION: All meetings will be held in the Auditorium of the Public Safety Building/Police Department, 2nd floor, 9446 So. Raymond Avenue.

LEAVING TOWN?

Before leaving town on vacation, take time to plan for your home's security. If **YOU** spot something that would make your home an easy target, the burglar may spot it too.

Make a checklist in advance of your departure to make it appear occupied. Include the following on your checklist:

- Have a trusted person take in all mail and newspapers daily. Grass should be cut if vacationing more than one week.
- Set several timers for different times throughout your home and include a radio on a timer.
- Equip your home with adequate door and window locks. Insert a rod or bar in the track of sliding doors and windows. Check all house and garage locks before leaving.
- Do not program your answering machine to say you are on vacation. Contact the phone company to have calls forwarded to another party.

Contact the Police Department at 422-8292 to learn about the **Vacation House Watch Service** offered free of charge by the Oak Lawn Police Department

TRUSTEES *Continued*

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As the weeks go by, residents should notice a block by block installation of new street lights. This improvement will provide a much more secure community. If you have any questions concerning the new street lights, direct them to the office of Quality Control at 499-7814.

HAPPY SPRING AND SUMMER!

Ron

Streit . . .

the Brandt property at 5131 W. 95th St. and there is the issue of naming a new Police Chief.

All of these decisions are open to public debate, so I strongly urge all residents to participate in any related discussions. Let the Village Board know your feelings.

While representing the Third District, I have always scheduled regular meetings with my constituents regarding Village issues of concern. I now extend that invitation to all Oak Lawn residents and groups. My phone number is 422-3600. I look forward to hearing from you.

JOY . . .

wetlands project, has been completed. Cleaning out the swampy area and grading the land will be completed this summer. In late fall, the Park District hopes to begin Phase II which includes planting the marshy area with native plants and hopefully initiate the replanting of trees. When the wetlands are completed and the natural habitat returns, our children and ourselves will be aware of and appreciate the natural plants, animals and birds and their contributions to our environment. The Science Department at Richards High School has begun to design an educational program to familiarize the students with the impact of the wetlands on our environment. At the same time the Environmental Task Force is working to restore the wildlife.

"A Time to Build":
You may have noticed many new homes, condos and town houses being constructed in District 5. Phase III of Eagle Ridge is commencing and will add 49 homes to Eagle Ridge. At the same time, Acorn Glens, Oak Lawn's newest subdivision, which is located on the site of the old Zayre Store, has begun construction of 203 condos and town houses. The first occupants are expected to become residents of the 5th District in late summer.

"A Time to Play":
The Oak Lawn Park District has scheduled June 25th to officially open the 18-hole executive golf course.

At the same time, members of the Centennial Walk Committee have been studying a proposed bike and walking path that would go around the perimeter of the golf course and then connect to the Wolfe Wildlife Park. The committee would be soliciting grants to finance the bike and walking path.

"A Time to be Quiet" . . .

Keane . . .

increase our sales tax revenue.

Flooding problems experienced by several residents last year were discussed and we reviewed the progress being made with the Water Reclamation District to correct this situation

I will have another general meeting in late summer. Look for your notice for date, time, and place.

TRAFFIC – Several people have called expressing concern over speeding on our residential streets. I will be asking the Police Department to concentrate their efforts to reduce speeding on our side streets. This means tickets. Many have asked for more stop signs but traffic experts say that is not the answer. The speed limit is 25 mph. Speeding jeopardizes the lives of your son, daughter, brother, sister, grandchild or friend. Please slow down!

BUSINESS/AUTO EXPO – MAY 21st – DOWNTOWN OAK LAWN
More car sales = More sales tax = LESS real estate tax.

If you have any questions or are experiencing problems with village services, please don't hesitate to call me – Off. 636-4400, Res. 425-2309.

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If you wish to place an ad in future newsletters, please contact the Village Clerk office, 499-7738

Some Important Dates To Remember

May 21st — **AUTO EXPO** — One day car sale in the Municipal Complex — Come out and enjoy the entertainment, food and displays.

May 30th — **MEMORIAL DAY PARADE** sponsored by the Park District. Parade kick-off will be at 95th & 55th Court proceeding down 95th Street to East Shore Drive ending at Lake Shore Park.

Entertainment and refreshments will be provided in the Park.

June 29th — Opening Day of the ***FARMERS MARKET*** — Enjoy the market every Wednesday through October.

July 4th — Annual ***PARK DISTRICT 4TH OF JULY*** day-long celebration and fireworks display.

Aug. 3rd
thru Aug. 7th — ***OAK LAWN FAMILY DAYS*** — A grand festival located at 94th & Oak Park Avenue, including carnival rides, food vendors, exceptional entertainment and special day long exhibitions for all to enjoy.

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JIM HOUK

OAK LAWN APPOINTS POLICE CHIEF

On September 27th, the Village of Oak Lawn officially appointed a new Police Chief, James P. Houk. The standing ovation given Chief Houk by his friends and fellow police officers is indicative of the great respect Jim has earned over his twenty-three year career with the Village. Jim relates, without hesitation, that he has always taken great pride in wearing the uniform of the Oak Lawn Police Department and believes the police should be highly visible and involved in community affairs. As Chief, Jim looks forward to furthering a positive, dynamic relationship with the community he serves.

Jim, his wife Jean and four children, reside in St. Linus Parish. They have lived in Oak Lawn since 1968.

Memories... a letter from Adeline (Mason) Kramer

When my parents, Roy and Catherine Mason, moved to Oak Lawn in 1925, the house consisted of a kitchen, one bedroom, living room and dining room. They had 3 children – Paul, age 7; Bill, age 4; and Ida Mae, age 2. The little house was on an acre of land and the house was on the extreme north side. I have no idea where my siblings slept. They must have had an outhouse too, as it was only through my maternal grandparents' generosity that my parents were able to have a basement put under the house, and then the front and back porches. The first inside toilet was in the basement. I was born in 1929, the Depression year.

There were no paved roads from 95th Street. Major Avenue was a cinder road, and I still have scars to prove it, when I fell off of my bicycle. The only neighbors were the Slowinski's, directly to the east of us, now across the street. Another house was the Johnson home and farm at 9621 S. Mayfield.

By the time I started school in 1934, St. Gerald's Church and school was built. Reverend Peter Geraghty was the pastor at that time. He was my sister's godfather.

Some of the establishments I remember in the early 40's were Behrend's Hardware, Larson's Barber Shop, McKay's Jewelry, Rupich's Drug Store, Sodaros Grocery and Wolf's Bakery. I recall 2 taverns – Brandt's and Paros and 2 funeral parlors – Bruhns and Wendts. Some of these buildings are still standing and in business. The Wabash train and a few busses were in operation for methods of transportation.

The Cook School was the first public school. Simmons School was built shortly after on the west side of Oak Lawn. The two doctors in town were Dr. Gasteyer and Dr. Schussler. In fact, Dr. Schussler gave me and my son Bill (1950) our first spankings.

Of course, we had a police and fire department. They were located at 94th and Cook. There was a large water tank in the back of the building. The fire siren must have been mounted on the water tank, or so it seemed. I swear when it sounded, no one was left sleeping. The Coral Theatre was the first in Oak Lawn on 95th Street, a block east of Cicero Avenue. What a treat that was!

The high schoolers had to bus it to Calumet or Blue Island High Schools. Some of the boys went to St. Leo or St. Rita in Chicago.

The Oak Lawn Lake was in existence then, and what fun we had ice skating every winter. When I look back and then think of all the growth and new inventions, I wonder how we made it without them. What is left for the future of mankind? What more can there be? And yet, there will be newer and better inventions; all because God gave mankind a superior brain. If only it could be used for all good; but there will always be a war between good and evil. I hope Oak Lawn will always come out a winner, as I have experienced it to be. I am proud to be a part of Oak Lawn's Heritage.

People you should know

Ernest Kolb, Mayor of Oak Lawn

After serving in the Navy for three years in the Pacific during World War II, Ernie Kolb and his wife Peggy moved in 1947 to the small Village of Oak Lawn. The Kolb's raised a family of four and were active members of their growing community. Ernie's commitment to his community and desire to work with the people led to what has been a long and admirable career in the Village. In 1958, Ernie was appointed to the Oak Lawn Appeals Board and served on that Board until he was appointed temporary Village Clerk in 1964, a position he was then elected to and served in until he was elected Village President and Mayor in 1977. At the end of this current term, Ernie Kolb will mark twenty years as Mayor and thirty-six years total as an Oak Lawn public servant. Through the many years, one thing has never changed — Mayor Kolb's dedication to his neighbors and commitment to keeping the Village a strong, healthy and vibrant community.

Cy Holesha, Trustee - District I

Since May of last year, Cy has been serving the residents of the northwest section of Oak Lawn as their Trustee. Service is not new to Cy after spending 31 years serving the public with Brinks, Inc., two years as a Village of Oak Lawn Civil Service Commissioner and a lifetime as an active church member. Music has been "instrumental" in Cy's life for fifty years now. He professionally plays the bass fiddle and bass guitar in all types of music from big band to country to religious. Cy and his wife of 40 years, Alice, have lived in Oak Lawn for fourteen years and have raised six children, five of whom are graduates of Oak Lawn Community High School and are carrying on Cy's musical tradition. Church, family and service to the community form the cornerstones of Cy's life.

Ron Stancik, Trustee - District II

For seventeen years, District II has enjoyed the energetic and capable leadership of Ron Stancik. Ron and his wife of 32 years, Pat, have made Oak Lawn their home for all of their married life. Ron and Pat have raised and educated a son, now a market development representative, and a daughter, now a physical therapist, here in Oak Lawn. Along with thoroughly enjoying his family and friends, Ron's favorite diversions are running every morning through the streets of Oak Lawn and watching his beloved Chicago Bears football team. Ron's occupation as a realtor serving the southwest suburbs parallels nicely with his position as Trustee since both uphold his personal philosophy that every resident deserves very prompt, courteous and fair service.

Robert Streit, Trustee - District III

In the 3-1/2 years he has served as the Village Trustee in District III, Robert Streit has gained a reputation of using common sense to solve problems. Bob's sense of pride and his love of Oak Lawn is no doubt the result of having been raised here in our community and educated at St. Catherine of Alexandria, Marist High School and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

A self-made successful businessman, Bob and his brother Michael are the owners of Sealtite Roofing and Construction Company, located here in Oak Lawn. The same attributes of determination and perseverance that helped build his company, make Bob an asset to the Village Board. Bob takes tremendous pride and pleasure in serving the people. He operates a district office at 9711 Southwest Highway. All residents are encouraged to stop in or call 422-3600 if you need any assistance.

A. Jayne Powers, Village Clerk

Since April of 1977, Jayne Powers has been the official record keeper for all municipal business in the Village of Oak Lawn — no small task considering our population of over 56,000 residents and large business community. Jayne and her husband Joe have been Oak Lawn residents and active members of the St. Linus Parish since 1960. Since moving to Oak Lawn, Jayne has raised three children and served the community in many capacities including membership on the St. Linus Ladies Guild and Parish Council Executive Boards, "Way Off Broadway" musical productions, the Oak Lawn Cancer Unit, Christ Hospital Women's Auxiliary, St. Xavier College Alumni and the Oak Lawn Parks Foundation. Jayne's professional affiliations include the South/West Suburban Clerks' Association, Municipal Clerks of Illinois, International Institute of Municipal Clerks, Illinois Municipal League and the National League of Cities. As busy as she is, Jayne is probably best known for her generous spirit and for always having time for her many friends and family!

Michael Walsh, Trustee - District IV

As residents of Oak Lawn since 1979, Mike and his wife Mary Beth have been active in all aspects of the community including raising five children, from eleven to seventeen years of age, and membership in the St. Germaine Parish, the Oak Lawn Chapter of the American Cancer Society and the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce. As a long time resident and a private practice attorney with a southwest side municipal and individual clientele, Mike brings an outstanding knowledge of the community and its needs to his position as Trustee for District IV.

Marjorie Joy, Trustee - District V

Marjorie Joy, Trustee for District V since 1991, is a long time resident of Oak Lawn in the St. Linus Parish area. Marge and her husband Ed have three grown sons and a daughter, Anne Marie. Prior to being elected Village Trustee, Marge served for 16 years as a Commissioner on the Oak Lawn Park District Board. Marge's commitment to her family, church and community is evident in her relentless pursuit of quality education for all — Marge is the principal of a Chicago public grammar school and Chairman of the Oak Lawn Education Summit Committee. She believes in citizen participation in local government and is dedicated to serving and representing the people of Oak Lawn.

Bill Keane, Trustee - District VI

Bill, his wife Catherine and three children, Kelly Ann, Michael and Katie, are twenty-year residents of District VI. He has been active in the St. Catherine of Alexandria Parish and School since 1974 and continues to coach the sixth grade boy's basketball team as well as serve as Treasurer of both the Men's Club and Golf League. Bill works for his own company, Lodestar Graphics, Inc. which is an independent distributor of business forms and printing. Bill has enjoyed his first 1-1/2 years as a Trustee and remains diligent in his efforts to continually improve the Village and maintain it as an excellent place to live, work and invest.

"HOLIDAY MAGIC"

CHRISTMAS PARADE

Sponsored by the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1994
1:30 P.M.

The parade will commence from Evergreen Bank parking lot down 95th Street to Oak Lawn Community High School. Bring your children to visit with Santa while enjoying hot cocoa and cookies at the High School cafeteria.

If you have a group that would like to participate, call the Chamber office, PRONTO, 424-0300.

Business Development Commission . . .

by John Paul, *Commissioner*

The Business Development Commission consists of local business people from each District, two Chamber of Commerce representatives and Trustee Bill Keane. We focus on promoting our existing businesses in the Village and devising ways to attract new businesses to Oak Lawn.

By the time you read this, we will have co-hosted the Chicago Southland Business Roundup at the Oak Lawn Pavilion. This was a two-day exposition to promote hundreds of products and services available across the south and southwest suburbs. It is an annual event sponsored by Chicago Southland Chamber of Commerce. The Southland Chamber is a regional organization containing hundreds of businesses and local chambers of commerce from across the south and southwest suburbs.

This was a chance for us to showcase Oak Lawn, its attractions and business opportunities to hundreds of attendees and exhibitors at the Business Roundup. Your Business Development Commission hosted a welcoming reception and offered bus tours of the Village throughout the day.

Whenever we can welcome people from surrounding suburbs to Oak Lawn, there is a positive ripple effect that benefits businesses and residents alike. Our visitors shop, dine, fuel their cars, hold banquets and purchase lodging at local establishments. These purchases generate sales tax revenue for Oak Lawn which reduces the Village's reliance on property taxes.

Whenever possible, please support local businesses and keep our community strong and prosperous.

Senior Center

In 1976, the Village of Oak Lawn purchased a parcel of property at 95th and 53rd Court. The Mayor, Board of Trustees, members of the Senior Citizen Commission and Council had a ground breaking ceremony for what is now known as the Oak Lawn Senior Center.

In October 1977, the new multi-purpose Senior Center opened its doors to the residents of Oak Lawn. The building is on one level, barrier free and handicapped accessible.

Hundreds of people pass through the doors of the Center each week. Various activities are scheduled throughout the month to accommodate all interests. Current popular programs are exercise classes, health screenings, bridge, pinochle, square and line dancing, one-day tours, shuffleboard and movies.

Local hospitals, doctors, attorneys and financial institutions in the community donate their time to keep our residents informed on current affairs.

The Center is manned by two full-time and two part-time employees. Volunteers for the various programs and events are a vital and essential component to a smooth running Senior Center.

To be eligible for membership at the Senior Center, you must be an Oak Lawn resident, 50 years of age or older. There is no charge for membership.

The Oak Lawn Senior Center is located at 5330 W. 95th Street. The Center offices are open Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to see the Center, please stop by or for further information, please call 499-0240.

Public Safety:

HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS

The Oak Lawn Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau offers the following hints to help keep you and yours safe for the holidays.

Selection of a Christmas tree is a crucial matter. Natural trees should be deep green, have a strong pine scent, no loose or falling needles and the butt of the tree should be sticky with sap. Cut off at least one inch from the bottom of the trunk to allow good water absorption. The tree should be watered daily and discarded when it ceases to absorb water or become noticeably dried out. Artificial trees should be labeled "flame resistant."

All trees should be kept away from heat sources such as TV sets, fireplaces, heat vents of all types and open flames. Never locate your tree where it might block your exit path.

Inspect light sets carefully for worn insulation, loose bulb sockets and broken plugs. If the sets are damaged, replace them with lighting sets which carry the label of an approved testing agency such as Underwriters Laboratories.

Lights should be connected to circuits no larger than 15 amperes. Extension cords should be used sparingly and never in places where they interfere with foot traffic.

Indoor electrical equipment is not safe for use outdoors. For outdoor lighting, use only fixtures, lighting sets and extension cords specifically approved for outdoor use.

We ask all of you to join us in making this a safe and happy holiday season.

A FIRE SAFE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.

When down through the chimney, all covered with soot,
Came the "spirit of fire", an ugly galoot.

What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher,
For there wasn't a thing that would start a fire.

No doors had been blocked by the Christmas tree,
It stood in the corner, leaving the doorway free.

All the wiring was new, not a break could be seen,
Water at its' base, kept the tree nice & green.

The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent,
that the decorations used be fire resistant.

And would you believe it, right next to the tree,
Was a suitable can for holiday debris.

On the ceiling easy to see,
Was a smoke detector to protect you and me.

For the folks in this home had paid close attention,
To all the rules of good fire prevention.

As firemen, we hope that the Christmas bells you hear,
Are all on good St. Nick's sled and reindeer.

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

OAK LAWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

CRIME PREVENTION

Over the past five years, the Oak Lawn Police Department has taken many proactive steps to resolve problems in our community. One of the first response programs was **D.A.R.E.** which stands for **DRUG ABUSE RESISTANCE EDUCATION. D.A.R.E.** is designed to give our fifth and sixth grade students a foundation on how to handle the many problems that occur from drug and alcohol abuse.

Neighborhood Watch . . .

is currently in its third year. The concept behind **Neighborhood Watch** is to get the citizens of our community involved in crime prevention. Statistics show that the more people you have "watching" your community, the less criminal activity you will experience.

Fleetwatch Program

In the past year, the Oak Lawn Police took yet another step by introducing the **Fleetwatch Program. Fleetwatch** is another program designed to elicit involvement and assistance from the community by utilizing other public service employees such as Park District employees, street and sanitation workers and bus drivers to be on the watch for criminal activity. An excellent example of the success of this program occurred when a Village employee, through his observations, helped the police arrest a group of burglary suspects.

Business Watch/ Robbery Prevention Kit

Our most current program is the **Business Watch/Robbery Prevention Kit.** This kit, which is being distributed to the businesses in Oak Lawn, deals with many helpful guidelines in handling a robbery that will prevent injuries and possible deaths.

We believe that with these programs and continued community support, Oak Lawn will successfully combat the drugs, gangs and violence problems that exist in so many other communities.

Garbage . . . . . Questions?

EFFECTIVE, JULY 1, 1994, Illinois State Law prohibits the collection and disposal of white goods and whole tires in landfills. This means that residents cannot put these items out for collection with their regular garbage.

WHITE GOODS

WHAT ARE WHITE GOODS?

White goods are defined in the law as "all discarded refrigerators, ranges, water heaters, freezers, air conditioners, humidifiers and other similar domestic and commercial large appliances." They don't have to be white in color – it refers to all items in those listed categories no matter what color.

WHY CAN'T I JUST THROW THE ITEM IN WITH MY TRASH ON MY REGULAR COLLECTION DAY?

Law prohibits Waste Management from picking up items that are banned from disposal with trash that is going to the landfill. This means that these items must be picked up separately to eliminate the possibility that they will be incorrectly handled.

WHAT SHOULD RESIDENTS DO IF THEY CANNOT THROW THESE ITEMS OUT WITH THE TRASH?

The items can be picked up separately and recycled. The white goods must have certain components removed before they can be recycled. If they call Waste Management of the South Suburbs, company personnel will give them the name and phone number of a service that will pick up the item for processing. Any charges for this service will be worked out between the resident and the outside service.

If the homeowner does not want to call the processor, Waste Management will pick the item up, remove the components and forward it to the recycler. The homeowner will be charged $16.00 for the pick up and processing. Payment is due at the time service is rendered.

WHAT IF THE RESIDENT WANTS TO REMOVE THE BANNED COMPONENTS IN THE UNIT? CAN IT BE DISPOSED THEN?

The law does allow disposal of these items if certain components are removed. These components include:

- Chlorofluorocarbon Refrigerant Gas
- Electrical switches containing mercury
- Any device that contains or may contain PCB's (ballasts, capacitors, etc.)

Since it is difficult for the resident to properly and safely remove these items; and also impossible for anyone that is not trained to properly certify that the components have been removed, we must assume that all units are banned.

USED WHOLE TIRES

CAN I THROW WHOLE USED TIRES OF ANY SIZE OUT WITH MY TRASH FOR WEEKLY COLLECTION?

Effective July 1st, State Law prohibits the collection of whole used tires for disposal with the trash. For that reason, you can no longer throw them out with your garbage.

IF I CANNOT THROW THEM OUT WITH THE GARBAGE, WHAT OPTIONS DO I HAVE TO GET RID OF THEM?

If you want to dispose of the tires, you must cut them up into pieces and place them out with your trash. If you cannot cut them up (some tires may be difficult or impossible to cut) you can call Waste Management to have the items picked up.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE TIRES AND WHAT WILL IT COST?

The tires will be taken to a recycler who will process them and market the material to product manufacturers or energy plants.

The charge of $16.00 will cover the cost of picking up from one to four passenger size tires at your home and shipping them to the recycler. There is currently no value in the material. If the recycler adds any charges in the future, the collection fee may have to be increased.

For situations where a resident has more than four (4) tires, they should contact our office for specific pricing.

WHO DO I CALL?

Call Mike or Leslie at (708) 422-2225 and they will be happy to help you.

Leaf Bag Program

Oak Lawn leaf bags will be sold at the Village Hall from Monday, October 17th through Wednesday, November 23rd to those residents who pay for refuse pick up to the Village of Oak Lawn. Bags cost $5.00 per box of twenty (20) bags with a limit of four (4) boxes per household. Leaves will be picked up on the regular refuse pick up day at the usual location beginning the week of October 24th and ending Saturday, November 26th. Plastic bags will be picked up during this five (5) week period only! Yard waste will not be collected after November 26th.

HELP! According to Village Code, refuse shall be contained in "cans of galvanized iron or noncorrodible material, rodent proof, watertight . . . of a capacity of not less than ten (10) gallons and not to exceed thirty (30) gallons." Many residents are using plastic bags to dispose of household refuse. Raccoons are quite adept at shredding the bags and enjoying a feast. Not only do these critters leave a mess, but they multiply rapidly when well fed. This is one form of population growth we do not want. Please comply with the Village ordinance.

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Did You Know . . .

- Oak Lawn is the "HOME OF THE SOUTHWEST SYMPHONY".
- Oak Lawn was originally called Black Oaks Grove in "HORSE THIEF HOLLOW".
- The Village was granted incorporation on May 13, 1909.
- The first church in Oak Lawn was Trinity Lutheran Church, 9701 S. Brandt, established in 1874.
- The Village Hall is open until 8:00 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.
- There are 1067 businesses in Oak Lawn. ♥ SHOP OAK LAWN ♥
- There are 111 restaurants in the Village. ♥ DINE OAK LAWN ♥

BICYCLE CHOP SHOPS

Protect your bicycles/tricycles! Register them with the Police Department. No fee will be charged for the registration stickers. It is unlawful to possess any bicycle/tricycle that has its serial or frame numbers removed, destroyed, mutilated or altered or for any person to deliberately deface or alter those numbers or the registration sticker. Bikes are expensive, secure them!

CURFEW

Parents or guardians are responsible for ensuring that minor children under age of 18 years are not out in the Village after curfew hours.

CURFEW HOURS: 11:00 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday
12:01 a.m. Friday & Saturday

COLD WEATHER

Extremely cold weather does take its toll on Village Services. Last year, the Equipment Maintenance Division worked 109 hours overtime at a cost of $3,564.42; the Street and Sewer Division worked 2016 hours overtime at a cost of $57,738.63 and the Water Division 970 hours at a cost of $29,282.44. There were 55 broken water mains, 176 frozen water lines, 27 broken water meters and 5,348 tons of salt were used.

SNOW REMOVAL

To facilitate snow removal when one inch (1") or more has fallen, please park your vehicles in your driveway if you have one. The Village does have an odd/even number snow removal ordinance which calls for plowing the north and west sides of the street on even numbered days (even house numbers) and the south and east sides of the street on odd numbered days (odd house numbers) of the month. It is always unlawful to park on snow routes after one inch (1") of snow has fallen. Brrr . . .

PERMITS

PERMITS ARE REQUIRED for most home improvements, alarms, garage and rummage sales, signs, swimming pools, garages, fences, et al. This list is not all inclusive — when in doubt, please call the Village Hall.

RECYCLING

Thanks to your efforts, the Village has netted $24,539.00 from material recycling proceeds.

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BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

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Please note: Times are subject to change.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays @ 8:00 p.m.
The legislative body of the Village consisting of the President and six Trustees who are elected by the voters of the Municipality and representing the six districts within the Village.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Meets 2nd Monday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.
The duties of the Commission shall be to review and evaluate the commercial areas of the Village in regard to revitalizing existing businesses and the development of new businesses.

FAIR HOUSING COMMISSION Meets 3rd Tuesday, months of February, May, August and November @ 7:30 p.m.
The Fair Housing Commission exercises the power to regulate for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare and to secure to its citizens the economic, social, and professional benefits of living in a stable society.

FINANCE COMMITTEE Meets as necessary.
This committee shall review and advise the Board of Trustees in relation to the fiscal policies of the Village.

LEGAL, ORDINANCE AND LICENSE COMMITTEE
Meets 4th Thursday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.
The power of this committee shall be to review and advise the Board of Trustees in relation to legal policies.

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION
Meets 1st & 3rd Mondays @ 8:00 p.m.
The basic functions are to oversee the implementation of the Master Plan and to hear requests for deviations from the Master Plan.

PUBLIC RELATIONS/CABLE TV/SOLID WASTE
Meets 4th Monday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.
This committee shall review policies and advise the Board Trustees in relation to the cable television performance a technical standards, public relations, advertising and promotion o Village programs and review matters pertaining to solid waste disposal and recycling.

PUBLIC WORKS/WATERWORKS COMMITTEE
Meets 3rd Thursday of the month @ 7:30 p.m.
This committee reviews all public works and waterworks policies and the various systems and maintenance of both.

TRAFFIC REVIEW COMMITTEE Meets 1st Thursday of the month @ 8:00 p.m.
This committee shall review and advise regarding short and long term traffic policies and make recommendations on all citizens' petitions for traffic-control changes.

QUALITY CONTROL COMMITTEE
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5:00 p.m.
The Quality Control Committee shall review and advise the Board in relation to the zoning title, issuance of building permits and building inspections, public safety, street, curb and sidewalk repair, maintenance and construction, street lights, sewer construction and subdivision matters.

APPEALS BOARD Meets 1st Wednesday of the month @ 8:00 P.M.
The Appeals Board shall hear and decide appeals from any order, requirement, decision or determination made by a properly designated administrative officer.

YOUTH COMMISSION Meets 1st Tuesday of the month @ 8:00 P.M., Brandt School
The Commission shall participate in the planning and development of prevention and diversion services for youth and in integrating existing services which affect the welfare of young people in the Village.

SENIOR CITIZEN COMMISSION Meets 2nd Thursday of the month @ 1:00 P.M., Senior Center
The Senior Citizen Commission shall have the power to review, evaluate and oversee community senior citizen services and facilities.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION Meets 1st Thursday of the month @ 7:30 P.M.
The Civil Service Commissioners shall classify all of the offices ar places of employment in the Village, excepting those excluded by Illinois Compiled Statutes and positions listed as unclassified in the Village Code.

BOARD OF FIRE AND POLICE COMMISSIONERS
Meets 2nd Thursday of the month @ 7:30 P.M.
The Board of Fire and Police Commissioners shall appoint all officers and members of the Fire and Police Departments of the Municipality, except the Chief of Police and the Chief of the Fire Department.

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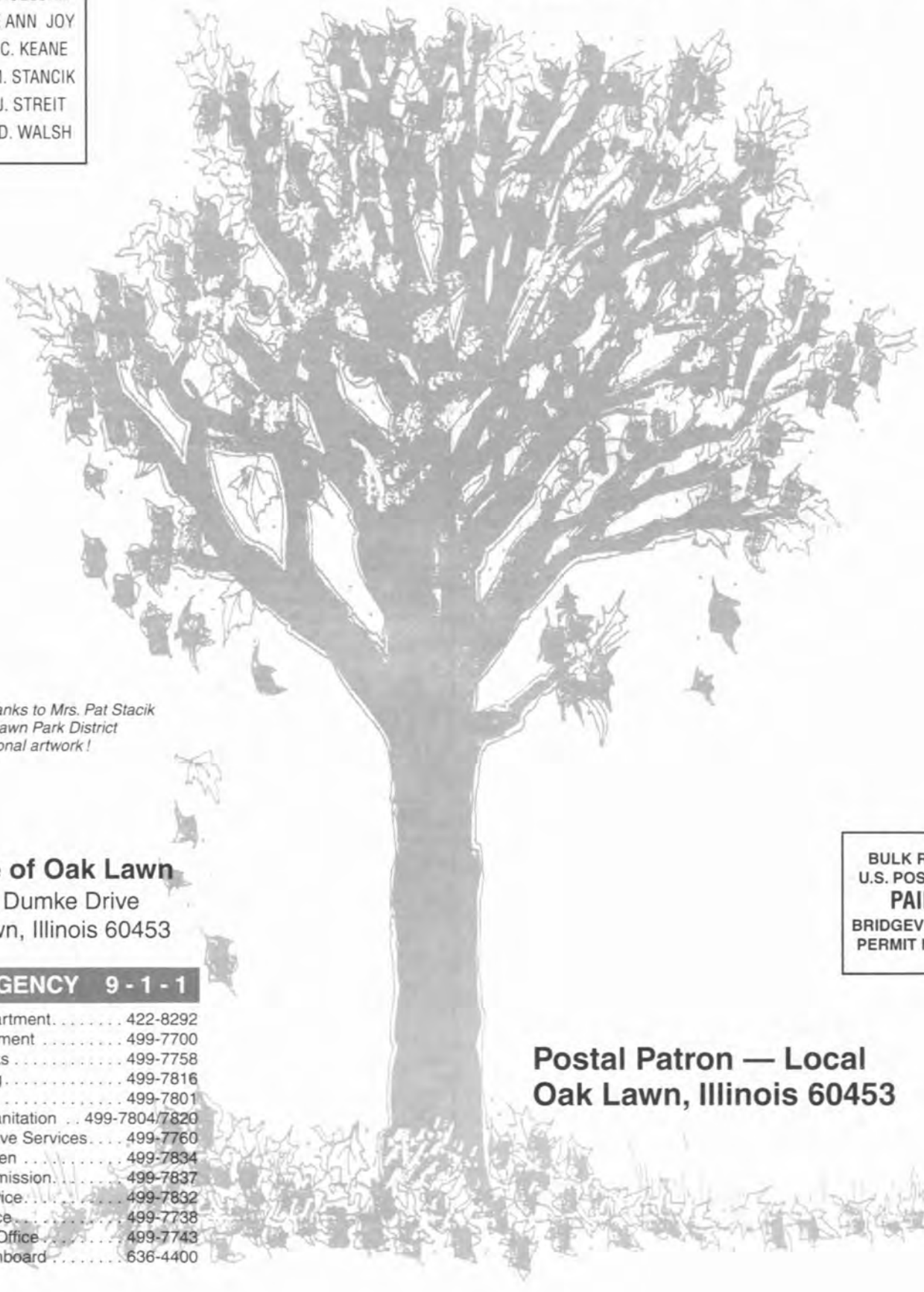
VILLAGE HALL CLOSED

THANKSGIVING DAY, Thursday, Nov. 24th and Friday, Nov. 25th.

CHRISTMAS DAY is a Sunday; hence, the hall will be closed on Friday, Dec. 23rd and Monday, Dec. 26th.

NEW YEAR'S DAY is a Sunday; the hall will be closed on Friday, De 30th and Monday, Jan. 2nd.



A special thanks to Mrs. Pat Stacik of the Oak Lawn Park District for her seasonal artwork!

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The Village of Oak Lawn salutes the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce as it celebrates its golden anniversary. Over the years, the Chamber has sponsored the Christmas Parade, Career Days at the High Schools and various other Village events. Their continuous efforts to maintain a solid business community in Oak Lawn, not only enhances our commercial districts but strengthens the economic base for the Village. The work of the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is important to everyone working or living in the community. Congratulations to all current and past Chamber members. Best Wishes for a prosperous future.

Central Avenue Improvements

Last fall we were informed by the Cook County Highway Department that the Central Avenue reconstruction project, between 98th Street and 87th Street, had been delayed and would not be let for bids until the fall of 1997. We contacted the County concerning this project and asked that they consider an earlier bid letting date.

We were advised that the County agreed to place the Central Avenue reconstruction project on their November 1996 project letting schedule, which is a year ahead of the schedule FY-98 bid letting we were given just a few months ago. Meanwhile, our Public Works department will perform pavement patching work as necessary on this section of roadway during the upcoming summer months in order to keep the roadway in the best possible condition until the reconstruction begins.

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Around Town

The Elm Returns

Pictured, from left, are Trustee Joy and Trustee Stancik planting an elm at the corner of 52nd Avenue on 103rd Street.

The Village of Oak Lawn is pleased to announce the continuation of the Elm Tree Replacement Program. The planting of ten new trees on 103rd Street between Cicero and Central Avenues marks the second year of Village participation in a cooperative program with The Morton Arboretum to promote and test a new variety of disease resistant elm trees.

Environmental Concerns

The Citizens Committee meets on the third Tuesday of each month at the Oak Lawn Senior Center at 5330 W. 95th Street at 7:30 p.m.

Several new developments have been recommended to the Village Board that have been approved which include:

- The creation of an ***Environmental Officer/Forester*** to manage and improve our Urban Forest. We anticipate a significant greening up of our town.
- The review of six sets of engineering plans to ***redevelop and improve Oak Lawn Lake.***
- Creation of an ongoing dialogue with Commonwealth Edison to encourage the planting of low growing trees instead of the unsightly trimming of existing trees under power lines.
- A future joint effort of the Village and State to provide a ***Hazardous Household Waste Day***. Please stay tuned.

If these or other related subjects interest you, feel free to join us. ***OUR MEMBERSHIP IS OPEN.***

Spring Maintenance

REMINDER: Spring is here and with it comes residence and property clean up! The Village is reminding all our residents and business people that now is the time to begin looking and recognizing what should be done to enhance the appearance of all properties and structures. We feel that through a regular maintenance program, the upkeep of all properties can be achieved. Daily as well as seasonal activities can assist such as painting all structures, cutting of grass, removal of overgrown weeds, keeping refuse properly contained and placed out properly at all times, clearing loose debris regularly all will assist in keeping all our properties looking the best.

TAXES – TAXES – TAXES

Sales Tax

DID YOU KNOW that sales tax rates are NOT the same in every community? The lowest retail sales tax rate is 7.75%. Keep this in mind when buying any retail item. The following chart illustrates sales tax rates for several local communities:

Community	Rate
Chicago	8.75%
Burbank	8.50%
Chicago Ridge	8.00%
Oak Lawn	7.75%

SHOP OAK LAWN — IT SAVES YOU MONEY!

Gang Awareness . . . *A Teenagers View by Lily Djurakov*

I have known many things about gangs that our Edge Officer covered during Edge before I took the course. I have known some of the reasons there are gang members out there because they come from a dysfunctional family, they're feeling insecure and are desperate for belonging, or sometimes are put in difficult situations where they are compelled into gang activities. That's common sense. I did learn some of the signs that gangs use, which was of no use to me. I also learned some of the places where gangs roam the streets, which was useful information to me because I am not aware of some of the dangers that lurk in those neighborhoods. Therefore, I won't set foot in those neighborhoods now. If that's not sad, I don't know the meaning of the word.

I feel that what the police department is trying to get across in these classes is very important. I also feel that they won't get the point across to everyone, because some of the kids are very headstrong. They won't give up their so-called "family" (I mean gang when I say family) or their so-called friends for anything. One thing that I feel very strongly about, though, is that the police officers teach us that the reasons why people join gangs are because they have a low self-esteem, they are insecure, and they are sometimes faced with a difficult situation. Well, did they ever consider the possibility that the kids might be stupid, stubborn, and naive? I don't have the highest self-esteem in the world, but that doesn't mean I'm going to join a gang and throw my life away. Plus, I've been in situations where I was pressured to do things, but I never gave in. I know the difference between right and wrong. I believe that these kids just think that gangs are cool. If they do, then they don't know what cool is.

I feel that a gang is a stupid and senseless thing. Think about it—they use symbols, signs, and hand gestures to identify themselves. They destroy other peoples' property because they think that it's on *their* gang territory. That is stupid and *wrong.* Plus, they hurt people. They resort to violence. Only the lowest form of life hurt other people in the ways that gang bangers do; shooting at anybody just to be part of some pointless clique of losers. They don't think. They don't think about the consequences that are included with being in a gang. The consequences of being nothing but a loser, rejected from anything and everything that life has to offer. The consequence of being imprisoned to a tiny little jail cell for the rest of their life without any chance of freedom ever again. Then there's the ultimate consequence, death. Kids think that they're immortal, unfortunately, they find things out the hard way. As I heard somewhere before; these days, you can't just tap people on the shoulder to get their attention, you have to hit them over the head with a 2 x 4 to open their eyes. In my opinion, it takes even more than a 2 x 4 to open their eyes to see reality, it probably takes death to make them see.

I think it is deplorable that this is what my fellow peers have succumbed to. I do feel that what these officers are trying to do is right, and I praise them for that. Unfortunately, some of the children in my school are so contrary, everything we have heard in this course has just gone in one ear and out the other. Hopefully, the majority can come together and do something to put an end to this craziness, to this utter stupidity. We can't let gangs tear apart and destroy our communities. We will ***not*** let them dominate us. I know for a fact that if and when I have kids, I will do anything and everything in my power to abolish all gang activity anywhere near me. I refuse to have my children exposed to the same dangers I am being exposed to now. Nobody should have to put up with that.

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Real Estate Transfer Tax

DID YOU KNOW that most communities impose a real estate transfer tax. This tax is collected when any business or person sells real estate. The tax ranges from $3.00 to $7.50 per thousand dollars of sales price. In Oak Lawn, the tax rate is $5.00 per thousand. Oak Lawn uses this tax revenue exclusively for streetlights and sidewalks. Every dollar collected is reinvested directly in the community. In most communities **ALL** real estate sales are subject to the tax. In Oak Lawn, single family homeowners may receive a 100% refund if they qualify in any of three ways. Senior citizens automatically qualify. Citizens who sell one home and buy another in Oak Lawn qualify and, lastly, citizens who sell their home to a family member also qualify. For more information on real estate transfer taxes, please contact the Village Finance Department at 499-7761.

Home Safety Measures . . . .

Fire Department Advice

The Oak Lawn Fire Department would like to remind everyone that the tornado season is here. The following information is important for your safety:

- Severe thunderstorms create dangerous lightning, and may produce tornados.
- A tornado WATCH means conditions are favorable for tornado development.
- A tornado WARNING means take shelter immediately, a tornado has been sighted in your area.
- Do not attempt to open windows before taking shelter. This just wastes time and makes little difference.
- Go to the basement of your home and get under a heavy object. If you do not have a basement, go to the lowest area of the house and into a small space with no windows, such as closet or bathroom.
- Put together a home survival kit which whould include a battery radio, flashlight and family medications.
- Once the tornado has passed,beware of downed power lines, leading natural gas lines and other dangers associated with tornado damage.

If you would like more information, call the Oak Lawn Fire Department at (708) 499-7810.

Have You Had Your Home Tested for Radon Yet?

Radon Gas Did Not Disappear!

Although it is invisible, odorless, colorless, and tasteless, radon gas is still one of the more serious health hazards in our community.

Radon is a radioactive gas which occurs naturally in most rocks and soils. It comes from the natural breakdown (radioactive decay) of uranium. Radon can be found in various concentrations practically anywhere on earth, but it's when concentrations rise in closed-in buildings that health risks become a concern.

Cook County has been designated in potential radon risk Zone 2 according to the US Environmental Protection Agency. This means the homes have a moderate potential of radon levels between 2 and 4 pCi/1. 4 pCi/1 is considered the "Action Level." However, no radon level is considered "safe." Based on today's mitigation technology, levels can almost always and should be reduced to concentration levels of 2 pCi/1 or below, especially if there are smokers or children in the home or if a lot of time is spent in the lowest level of the home. "Hotspots" can often be found in any Zone 2 or Zone 3 county. Maximum Cook County levels from the US EPA and the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety radon surveys were 16.0 pCi/1 and 11.6 pCi/1 respectively.

According to the US EPA, prolonged exposure to radon is still the #1 cause of lung cancer for non-smokers and if combined with smoking can greatly increase the risk of lung cancer. This means that 1 - 2 non-smokers per 1,000 could get lung cancer at 4 pCi/1 over a lifetime and 15-29 smokers per 1,000 could get lung cancer at 4 pCi/1 over a lifetime. The US EPA estimates that up to 20,000 lung cancer deaths a year may be attributed to radon gas.

Based on the surveys done by the US EPA and the Illinois Department of Nuclear Safety, approximately 15% of the homes in Cook County could have radon levels over 4 pCi/1. The only way to determine if a house has elevated indoor radon is to test.

Both the EPA and the Surgeon General recommend testing in all homes below the third floor for radon. It is the only way to know for sure if levels are low and your family is safe from the long-term effects of radon.

Fortunately, testing for radon is simple and inexpensive. The Environmental Protection AGency conducts the Radon Measurement Proficiency (RMP) Program to evaluate companies that make and analyze test kits. RMP-approved kits are available at local hardware stores, other retail outlets, and through the mail.

Making repairs to eliminate radon gas can be simple as well. There are many qualified contractors in the U.S. who can reduce elevated radon levels. There are also some do-it-yourself methods for reducing radon. Radon levels should be retested to make sure they are at acceptable levels.

For more information about radon and a coupon to mail-order a radon test kit for only $7.00, please call the Cook County Radon Awareness Program at 708-865-6177.

Footnote: pCi/1 = picocuries (one trillionth of a second of radiation) per liter of air.

Carbon Monoxide Awareness

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless and colorless gas which is a by-product of incomplete combustion. Carbon monoxide is present whenever a fossil fuel, such as natural or propane gas, oil, wood or coal, is burned. Common sources of carbon monoxide include furnaces,clothes dryers, ranges, ovens, water heaters, unvented space heaters, fireplaces, charcoal grills, wood-burning stoves and automobile exhausts.

Because you cannot see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, it is capable of reaching dangerous levels before you are aware of its presence.

Carbon monoxide, when breathed in, takes the place of the oxygen molecules within the blood and deprives the heart and brain of the oxygen needed to function correctly. When exposed to carbon monoxide poisoning, a person will initially suffer from flu-like symptoms, including: headaches, fatigue, nausea, dizzy spells, confusion and irritability. Left untreated, vomiting, loss of consciousness and eventually brain damage or death may occur.

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In order to protect yourself and your family from the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, the following steps should be followed:

1) Have your fuel-burning appliances inspected by a qualified technician at least once a year.
2) Make sure all fuel-burning appliances are properly vented.
3) Avoid using charcoal grills inside the home, garage, tent, camper or other unventilated areas.
4) Don't allow vehicle exhaust fumes to enter the home.
5) Install carbon monoxide detector within the home.

Should you choose to purchase and install a carbon monoxide detector for the home:

1) Select one which has been approved by Underwriters Laboratories or Factory Mutual, and
2) Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation.

Should you suspect that you have a minor carbon monoxide leak within your home, ventilate the area and contact either a qualified repair technician or Northern Illinois Gas for assistance. In the event that you have an activated detector or suspect that members of your family are experiencing carbon monoxide poisoning, you should immediately evacuate the area and contact the fire department.

If you require additional information, you may contact the Oak Lawn Fire Department at (708) 499-7700.

One of the special pleasures of summer is getting together with family and friends for barbeques and picnics. Enjoy the season to the fullest by taking extra precautions with food in the summer heat; keep hot foods at +140°F and cold items at 40°F or colder. When the meal is complete, don't hesitate . . . refrigerate.

Covering foods will protect them from the hot sun and will help to discourage insects from joining in the festivities. Don't let spoiled food spoil your fun.

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OAK LAWN AUTO SALE

Showroom Under Construction

This popular annual event which brings together all of the Oak Lawn automobile dealers for a one day sale is being cancelled this year. Our showroom, the Village Green, is under construction. The renewal of this event is already being planned for May of 1997.

On **SATURDAY, MAY 18TH, 1996** our residents, business personnel, organizations and volunteers of all ages will be joining in the **OAK LAWN CLEAN & GREEN CAMPAIGN** to spruce up our business community along 95th Street, Cicero Avenue to Southwest Highway. We are in the process of finalizing our agenda for this day and the Village is hoping to see everyone cooperating in this important endeavor.

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MAY, 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	2 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	3	4
5	6 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	7	8	9 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	10	11
12 **Mother's Day**	13 Business Development 8:00 pm	14 Village Hall Open to 8 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	15	16 Public Works 7:30 pm	17	18 **Village Clean-Up Day** **Armed Forces Day**
19	20 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	21 Special Events 7:30 pm	22	23 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	24	25
26	27 Village Hall Closed **Memorial Day Observed**	28 Village Hall Open to 8 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	29 District 4 Meeting 7:30 pm	30	31 **Memorial Day Traditional**	

JUNE, 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 1996-1997 Vehicle Stickers On Sale Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	4 District 6 Meeting 7:30 pm	5 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	6 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	7	8
9	10 Business Development 7:30 pm	11 Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	12	13 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	14 **Flag Day**	15
16 **Father's Day**	17 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	18 Special Events 7:30 pm	19	20 Public Works 7:30 pm	21 **Summer Begins**	22 Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Golf Day
23 30	24 PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	25 Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	26 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm**	27 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	28	29

JULY, 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	2	3 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm** Appeals Board 8:00 pm	4 Village Hall Closed **Independence Day**	5	6
7	8 Business Development 7:30 pm	9 Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	10 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm** Chamber of Commerce Golf Day	11 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	12	13
14	15 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	16 Fair Housing 7:30 pm Special Events 7:30 pm	17 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm**	18 Public Works 7:30 pm	19	20
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28	29	30	31 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm**			

AUGUST, 1996

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	2	3
4	5 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	6	7 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm** Appeals Board 8:00 pm	8 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	9	10 **Village Hall Open 9:00 am - Noon For Sale of Vehicle Stickers**
11	12 Business Development 7:30 pm	13 Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	14 **Farmer's Market 7 am - 2 pm**	15 **Vehicle Sticker Must Be Displayed By Midnight** Public Works 7:30 pm	16	17
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News & Notes

Did You Know . . .

- The ***OAK LAWN PUBLIC LIBRARY*** was formed in 1936 and became a taxing body in 1943.
- The ***PARK DISTRICT*** was formed in 1944 and opened the first park in 1945.
- ***CHRIST HOSPITAL*** was established in 1961. A ***CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL*** will be added in 1996.

VEHICLE STICKERS

Vehicle Stickers go on sale June 1, 1996. All vehicles ***including*** motorcycles registered to an Oak Lawn address must purchase and affix a vehicle sticker by August 15, 1996.

PERMITS REQUIRED

A permit is required to install a ***SATELLITE DISH ANTENNA.*** Call the Quality Control Department at 499-7814 for more information. Also swimming pools, security alarms, garage sales, garages, fences, etcetera require permits.

CURFEW

Curfew for children under the age of 18 is ***11 p.m. Sunday thru Thursday*** and ***midnight on Friday and Saturday.***

BICYCLE SAFETY

Remember to register your bicycles with the Police Department. There is no charge for the registration sticker.

RECYCLING

November '95 - March '96 the Village has netted $43,900 from recycling materials proceeds. ***THANK YOU FOR YOUR EFFORTS!***

ABSENTEE VOTING FOR STUDENTS & THE DISABLED

The County Clerk's Office has announced two new programs for absentee voting. Available in the Village Clerk's office are applications for the Disabled Voter's Program and Student Program.

The five year program for physically incapacitated persons enables them to automatically receive an application for a ballot for any election for which they qualify. The resident must be a registered voter in Cook County; complete an application; have their signature or mark notarized and a physician must complete the affidavit on the back of the application.

The two year student program is for any resident who will be away at school during the time of the elections. Through this program, an application will automatically be sent to the student's school address. The applicant must be a registered voter in Cook County; complete an application which must include their school address.

Village of Oak Lawn

WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

In effect May 15 through September 15

NORMAL CONSERVATION

Normal conservation allows sprinkling during the following hours only:

Automated Underground Sprinklers:

Allowed from Midnight to 5:00 AM
Prohibited from 5:00 AM to Midnight

Non-Automated (Manual) Underground & Hose Fed Sprinklers

Allowed: 7:00 AM to 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM to 11:00 PM
Prohibited: 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM and 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM

SPRINKLING IS STRICTLY RESTRICTED TO DESIGNATED HOURS

CALL THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ON WHICH TYPE OF SPRINKLING SYSTEM YOU HAVE.

Restricted Conservation

Should weather conditions warrant restricted conservation, outdoor water usage by residential and commercial water customers will be restricted to the odd/even address system, during the following hours.

Automated Underground Sprinklers:	**Midnight to 5:00 AM**
Non-Automated (Manual) Underground & Hose Fed Sprinklers:	**8:00 AM to 11:00 AM** **8:00 PM to 11:00 PM**

Emergency Conservation

Should severe drought conditions develop, Emergency Conservation is imposed by Mayoral Declaration, suspending all outside sprinkling.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 499-7756.

District Updates

District 1: Cy Holesha

Here we are in Spring 1996 with many projects in the works, some nearing completion and some in various stages of planning and development.

Those which will directly effect the 1st District include the sidewalk and tree planting programs. In May, we will begin pouring walks in the half mile square area from 91st to 95th Streets, Ridgeland to Austin Avenues, which will complete the phase begun in 1993. This should be completed by the Fall of 1996. Property owners in this area have already or are in the process of being notified by mail of the schedule of work. We thank you for your patience and understanding during this construction. If you have any questions, please contact me at 499-7792. I will respond to all calls.

In addition, a tree planting program will be implemented upon the hiring of a Village Forester during the summer of 1996. This will permit the Village to properly organize a tree program which will reflect a professional result for years to come. It is our goal to begin such "parkway" planting in 1997.

Again, if you have questions concerning either of these programs, I look forward to hearing from you.

We also welcome calls or written communication, concerning any and all subjects which you would like to discuss. That is what we have been elected to do. Do not hesitate to make contact.

District 2: Ron Stancik

I welcome your thoughts and questions regarding our Village. Our dialogue can take place in a manner you feel most comfortable with.

Some suggestions include:

- Call me at home, the Village Hall or at my place of business. **636-4689 (home) 499-7791 (Village) 535-5918 (office)**
- I meet with residents at their homes or speak with others in groups. If your group is looking for a speaker, I'm available to discuss Village matters.
- On the **first Saturday of each month,** I have private meetings with constituents at 9446 S. Raymond Avenue **between 9:00 a.m. and Noon** on the second floor.

I encourage you to take advantage of these methods of communication.

District 4: Michael Walsh

I cordially invite the residents of my district as well as all Village residents to a meeting in the Municipal Auditorium on Wednesday evening, May 29th at 7:30 p.m. A representative of the Police Department will be the featured speaker.

District 5: Marjorie Joy

As the summer begins, construction will commence on 111th Street between Cicero and Central. The State of Illinois is about to begin building an underpass at the railroad crossing. The multi-year project will result in a new roadway from Cicero to Central, the underpass at the railroad tracks and new street lights as well. During the construction, it might be wise to seek alternate routes when traveling through the south end of town. Your patience is appreciated.

Update on Stony Creek

Stony Creek was constructed many years ago for the purpose of flood control and the drainage of storm water. Recently the Army Corps of Engineers has completed a study of the creek and its impact on flooding. The study has been forwarded to Washington, D.C. for review and it is anticipated that the study will be returned and the recommendations and results shared with the Village of Oak Lawn. The Corps of Engineers has undertaken this project to assist Oak Lawn in determining a remedy to the flooding problem that has been costly and frustrating to residents.

With the recent redevelopment of the Wetlands Project and the return and influx of wildlife, especially geese and ducks, it is most appropriate to remind residents of an ordinance passed many years ago to protect the environment: The discharge of sewage, grease, oils, gasoline, or other flammable materials or industrial waste is prohibited into Stony Creek. Please assist the Village in protecting the wildlife and environment.

Education Summit

The Oak Lawn Education Summit was conceived four years ago because of frustration with property taxes and a lack of adequate funding for our local public schools. Since that time, we have taken a proactive stand by conducting forums on Education Funding, attending Legislative Committee Meetings, writing letters to legislators and recently actively participating in the March on Springfield.

A date will be set for a fall forum in Oak Lawn where all candidates for the General Assembly can attend and state their position and intentions on increased State funding for education.

A recent Village survey indicated that 47% of Oak Lawn residents responding to the survey did not know enough about Oak Lawn Public Schools to evaluate them. Good schools make a good community! We would encourage all residents to visit and learn more about Oak Lawn's public schools. Research has shown that the quality of public schools in a community directly affect the property values. Invest in your community. Support your local public schools.

For more information on the Education Summit, contact Marge Joy at 423-0654.

District 6: Bill Keane

We will have a district meeting on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:30 p.m. in the Village Hall. The senior bus will be available if you need a ride. I will have Village management personnel there to answer all your questions. Hope to see you on the 4th.

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Dates to Remember

May 18th — **VILLAGE CLEAN-UP DAY**

May 27th — **MEMORIAL DAY,** Village Hall Closed

June 26th — Opening Day of the ***FARMERS MARKET*** Enjoy the market every Wednesday through October.

July 4th — Annual ***PARK DISTRICT 4TH OF JULY*** day-long celebration and fireworks display.

Aug. 1st-4th — ***OAK LAWN FAMILY DAYS.***

Sept. 2nd — **LABOR DAY,** Village Hall Closed

Sept. 14th — ***VILLAGE GREEN DEDICATION***

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE — Ernie Kolb

In recent years, our community has seen a large increase in young families. With these young people, the number of school children has also increased. Please be careful driving as our children return to school this fall.

Speaking of driving, the Village needs your help with the ever increasing problem of traffic. It seems that every year more and more cars appear on Village streets. This increased traffic can only be managed if everyone obeys the speed limit and traffic signs. Our Police Department is constantly called upon to control traffic. Unfortunately, many of the offenders stopped by our patrol officers are local residents in their own neighborhood.

I hope all of you had a nice summer. If anyone has any questions or concerns about our Village, please stop by and see me at the Village Hall or call me at 499-7740.

DISTRICT 1 — Trustee Cy Holesha

We are again into the sidewalk installation program for 1997. The positive response to this activity has been tremendous. It enables people of all ages, in good health and those with different disabilities, the opportunity to move about their neighborhoods in a safe and peaceful environment.

The only negative to the continued safe use of sidewalks is the overparking of the sidewalks leaving a portion of the vehicle extending over the walk, thereby requiring all pedestrians to navigate around the vehicle through the grass and sometimes even into the street. This is extremely difficult for the wheelchair bound, mothers with strollers and youngsters riding their bikes.

Since there is an ordinance prohibiting such over parking, I believe that it would be in good taste to be aware of the need to eliminate this problem and be a good considerate neighbor. Permit me to thank you in advance for your cooperation. Have a beautiful and safe summer.

DISTRICT 3 — Trustee Bob Streit

Many of you remember what Oak Lawn was like before its rapid growth in the late 50's and 60's. For those of you who don't remember, Oak Lawn had all the charm of a quaint little turn-of-the-century small town. Urbanization has done a lot to change things, but if a current plan under consideration by village officials is approved, some of that quaint small town charm may be on its way back. The plan calls for an architectural review board to ensure that new commercial and multifamily developments adhere to architectural criteria consistent with the theme being established by the redevelopment of 95th Street.

Imagine all of the activity that a small theatre in the center of town would generate. Imagine wide sidewalks on 95th Street with brick pavers and ornamental lighting. Imagine a new cafe and a deli with outdoor seating. Imagine storefronts with all of the architectural character of the turn-of-the-century. If you can't imagine what this would be like, you may want to visit LaGrange, Geneva, Homewood or any number of other towns that have been successfully redeveloped.

Strong community support would mean success for the redevelopment of our town center. Success will lead to further redevelopment, which will strengthen our sense of community and neighborhood pride and ensure that Oak Lawn will always be a great place to live. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me at 422-3600.

DISTRICT 5 — Trustee Marge Joy

With the coming of Fall, I would like to announce the District 5 meetings which will be held at the Municipal Center in the auditorium. All meetings will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude by 9:00 p.m.

September 17 — Welcome and informational meeting for all new residents in District 5, especially our new neighbors in Acorn Glen.

October 15 — A seminar for ladies (young, seasoned and young at heart) which will address safety tips and streetwise knowledge for the 90's. This will be presented by the Oak Lawn Police Department.

November 18 — General Meeting for residents of District 5. Bring your ideas, questions and concerns. We will update you as to the progress in District 5 and the Village.

OAK LAWN EDUCATION SUMMIT

The Village of Oak Lawn is committed to excellence in education with a motto of *"Education is Everyone's Business."* We envision the entire community of Oak Lawn joining together to attain the goals set by the Education Summit. Our primary goals are to continuously improve the quality of education in Oak Lawn, provide programs that are responsive to the needs of our community and work with our state legislators and school boards to establish a stable source of adequate funding. We invite you to attend our meetings which will be held at 4:00 p.m. in the Municipal Center on the following days: **August 21 – September 18 – October 16 – November 20.**

"If one advances confidently in the direction of his dreams, and endeavors to live the life which he has imagined, he will meet with success unexpected in common hours – if you have built castles in the air, your work need not be lost: that is where they should be. Now, put foundations under them! . . . . Thoreau

News

CLERK'S CORNER — Jayne Powers

- Don't forget to shop at the Farmer's Market . . . every Wednesday thru October 15th, 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- November 4th is election day for School Boards. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- Last day to register to vote in the **November 4th** election is **Monday, October 6th** at 5 p.m.
- In-person absentee voting will be conducted in the Clerk's Office (usually 3 weeks before the election).
- Christmas Parade on Sunday, November 23rd sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce, the Village of Oak Lawn and the Special Events Commission.
- Multi-family Recycling Facility at 98th and Central open daily 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Avoid 111th Street if possible. Underpass project will take 2 years to complete.

Night Deposit

For your convenience a night deposit box has been installed in the Municipal Center. The box is located just below the counter at the cashiers window. Water bills, commuter parking permits, and vehicle sticker payments may all be deposited in this box. Parking tickets must still be paid at the police front desk which is open at all times.

Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers must be displayed by midnight on Friday, August 15, 1997. Applications may be obtained from the cashiers at the Municipal Center. Regular business hours are from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. Please see the calendar of events for extended hours in the month of August.

DISTRICT 2 — Trustee Ron Stancik

Once again, I want to restate my desire to hear your points of view or to resolve your Village based problems.

I invite you to choose the most comfortable and convenient method for you to do so.

- By phone or in person — probably the most popular method.
- Home — 708-636-4689
- Business — 708-535-5918
- "The Trustee Is In" Program
  1st Saturday of the month — 9 a.m. to noon on the second floor at 9446 S. Raymond Avenue.
  This is a program that has been building nicely. It allows for a quiet opportunity for us to sit in person.
- My E-Mail Address: *imoaklwn@lincolnnet.net.* This new program has been used by many.

I am always seeking better ways to have an ongoing dialogue. Feel free to join in.

DISTRICT 4 — Trustee Steve Rosenbaum

As we go to press, preparations for the initial "4th District Neighborhood Meeting," to be held on Tuesday, July 29th at 7:30 p.m. at the Village Hall, are being finalized. The main presentation will be made by John Finnell, Oak Lawn's Forester. Mr. Finnell will discuss the Village's "50-50 Parkway Tree Planting Program."

The holding of regular meetings for residents of the 4th District was an idea that resonated throughout our area as I met with you during the campaign. These meetings will provide a forum to discuss issues and ideas about Oak Lawn, along with the opportunity to have your questions addressed. In short, these meetings are being held to bring Village government to you.

Also, please mark your calendars for the next "4th District Neighborhood Meeting," which will be conveniently held at the Salem United Church on Tuesday, September 30th at 7:30 p.m.

Again, I look forward to serving as your Trustee. Please feel free to provide suggestions on items of concern. Your input is instrumental as we prepare for the future of Oak Lawn.

DISTRICT 6 — Trustee Bill Keane

Construction — We have had hot summers, and wet summers, but this by far is the dirtiest summer for those of us who live near 111th Street. Unfortunately, it is not going to get better soon. The State (IDOT) has informed us that they will complete only the north side of 111th this year. The south side will be completed in the spring.

Street Paving — Kostner Ave. from 107th to 111th St. and Kilbourn from 101st to 101st Pl. will be repaved by the Village this summer. 103rd Street from Pulaski to Cicero was supposed to be done this year, but has been delayed until the County can obtain right of ways in some areas. Hopefully this can be done soon so this street can be rebuilt.

New Traffic Light proposed — Mr. Gordon Kois, a resident on 105th St., contacted me last year about getting a traffic light on 105th St. and Pulaski Rd. We completed a traffic study, and it was determined that this intersection met six of the eleven criteria necessary for a traffic signal. I presented this request to the Village Board for approval, and the proposal and necessary engineering studies will be presented to the CATS Council for State and Federal assistance in funding this very expensive project.

Safety — This past spring a young boy was hit by a car while riding his bike on 105th Pl. The cause of this accident was a restriction of the sight line because of a large evergreen tree in the parkway. The driver could not see the boy. The next day I had the tree trimmed. Look around your property and see if you have potential accidents waiting to happen. I would rather help a day early than a day late.

Reminders — For sale signs must be posted on your property, not the parkway. Banners, flags, etc. can only be used for open houses, and they must be removed by the end of the day.

Dogs must be on leashes when not on your property, and please clean up after your dog.

Around Town

PROBLEMS RETURN WITH HEATING SEASON COMING SOON

Headlines such as "Blocked Flue Send 7 to Hospital" and "Children's Deaths Blamed on Poor Ventilation" always appear to occur in far away places. In fact, one discovers upon reading further, is that these things occur in communities like our own. So while the weather is nice, make sure you have your heating system checked out for blocked flues.

Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless, tasteless and non-irritating gas that is a naturally occurring by-product of combustion. It has no warning properties. To the human senses, it is invisible. Many people believe they can smell CO, but they are really smelling other by-products of combustion.

Exposure to carbon monoxide decreases the ability of blood to carry oxygen to the tissues. The carbon monoxide actually has a greater affinity for hemoglobin than oxygen. Inhalation of CO may cause headache, nausea, dizziness, weakness, rapid breathing and, finally unconsciousness and death. High concentrations may be rapidly fatal without producing significant warning symptoms.

More than 200 deaths a year occur in the U.S. as a result of CO poisoning, mostly due to malfunctioning combustion-type appliances. The best way of reducing the risk of CO poisoning is to regularly maintain your home's heating system.

Just to be on the safe side, one should install a CO detector that will monitor the air for high levels of carbon monoxide. There are many types of home CO detectors available today. We recommend the purchase of a detector that meets the U.L. standard and follow the manufacturer's installation instructions.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 499-7700 and a trained professional will assist you.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

Thanks to a federally funded program known as the Community Development Block Grant, the Village is able to assist lower income residents repair substandard housing conditions or subsidize child care costs for working parents.

The Home Rehabilitation project allows for repairs up to a maximum of $10,000 per qualified household. Eligible improvements are generally limited to corrections to the living quarters structures only and may include, but are not limited to, exterior painting or siding, structural repairs such as roof or window replacement, weatherization, fire protection or any change that abates a hazardous condition. Residents eligible to receive assistance must meet certain income standards and have occupied their Oak Lawn home for the past year.

To assist our qualifying resident families in caring for their children, the Village will partially reimburse the cost of infant and child day care when all adult family members are employed or in school full time, children are ages 6 or under, the family has been in residence in Oak Lawn for one full year or more and total family income is at or below certain federal income guidelines. Reimbursement will be made directly to a licensed Village of Oak Lawn day care provider at a rate of 75% of invoiced cost.

Funds are limited! For an application and additional information about either program, please contact the grant administrator, Pam Joseph, at (708) 499-7817.

OAK LAWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership, a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ Hospital and Medical Center, is a council made up of people who live and/or work in the community. Each month, members come together to identify and address issues of health and wellness in the Village and to collaboratively work toward solutions. No community can hope to be "healthy" unless it addresses the issues of shelter, work, education, income, food, a stable ecosystem, sustainable resources and social justice. Over the past year and a half, the Partnership has begun to take this concept and turn it into reality by initializing programs and projects such as the Community Wellness Day held at Oak Lawn High School on August 16th and sponsorship of assistance for the homeless and hungry in our community. Significant progress has been made and this dedicated group is looking forward to more and greater success in making Oak Lawn the ideal place to live and work.

While the issues that have been brought to the table are as diverse as the group itself, all agree that it takes a collective US to make a difference. So, to quote our famous Uncle . . . WE NEED YOU!

If you have ideas on how to make this a "healthier" community and can volunteer some time to make it happen, call the Partnership Hotline — 708-346-2598.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1997

The purpose of the collection is to give citizens the opportunity to dispose of common household products in a lawful and environmentally safe manner without cost to them. These products, which include latex and oil-based paints, used motor oil, solvents, pesticides, herbicides, etc., containing chemicals which can be harmful to the consumer and the environment.

The event is specifically designed for the collection of waste from households. Industrial and commercial waste will not be accepted.

The site where the collection event will take place is Stagg High School, 111th Street and Roberts Road, Palos Hills.

Strictly Business

OAK LAWN IN THE BUSINESS BIG LEAGUES

The life blood of municipalities in Illinois is the amount of sales tax revenue generated by local business. These revenues pay for civic improvements, police and fire protection, employee salaries and in general determine the well being of a community. The biggest sales tax earner in the state is the City of Chicago followed by a list ot towns and cities that are heavily dependent upon the revenue of gambling river boats, and off track betting facilities - both big tax earners. Also, included in that grouping are cities with major shopping mall complexes or consumer population increased by a major university. Oak Lawn is a unique exception. The Village, with a population of approximately 60,000 residents, does not rely on gambling proceeds nor is it the home of a power mall complex or major university.

Oak Lawn does it the old fashioned way, we earn it.

The Village of Oak Lawn numbered 17th in the State of Illinois in Sales Tax Receipts according to a report generated by the Illinois Department of Revenue for the fiscal period of January 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996.

"The 37 million in sales tax dollars from a diverse economic base shows the strength of our business community," stated Mayor Ernest Kolb. "The amount of tax dollars actually returned to the Village totaled almost 9 million dollars last year," Kolb added.

Oak Lawn is dedicated to maintaining the current excellent business climate and is aggressively pursuing redevelopment along the major commercial arteries of 95th Street, Cicero Avenue and Southwest Highway.

The Harris Bank Complex to be located at 5129 through 5145 West 95th Street will house four new businesses in late 1997. Retailers under consideration for the new shopping center are Schlotzsky's Deli, Hollywood Video and Starbuck's Coffee among others.

The Streetscape project will give a major facelift to 95th Street in the Heart of Oak Lawn and complement the new Village Green. We are continuing to grow as a business center for the area and all of our residents can be proud of the accomplishments of our local businesses.

If there are any question regarding business ventures in the Village of Oak Lawn, please call the Business Hotline at 499-7821 or contact Jim Webb, Director of Community Development at the Village Hall.

OAK LAWN WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS

The Following Businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of January through June 1997

A.H.M. Mechanical Inc.
Ace Coffee Bar, Inc.
Adecco Employment Services
America's Best Contact & Eyeglasses
Angie's Dolls
Archway Refrigeration & Heating
ASM Appliances Inc. d/b/a Direct Maytag
Atlas Board Up Service
Audrey Brandt, Inc. d/b/a Oak Lawn Tavern
Automotion, Inc.
Body Tan Fitness Spa
Bruegger's Bagels
Capri Restaurant
Cigarettes Cheaper - 8765 S. Ridgeland
Cigarettes Cheaper - 10939 S. Cicero
Classic Gift Gallery
Cosme Landscaping
Delray Farms
Espresso Love
Family Home Video
Foote's Amoco Oak Lawn
Fran & Sons Auto Detailing
Gregory Systems of Oak Lawn
Harrison Group
Image 21 Ltd.
International Food Mart
Lightspeed Systems
Michael Alexanders
Mr. Gyros
Nick & Eddie's Pizza
Oak Lawn Amoco
Panchito Burrito
Raecar, Inc.
RSB Marketing, Inc.
Salvation Army Thrift Store
Shamrock TBC Inc. d/b/a Taco Bell
Shred All Recycling Systems
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The Village Green . . .

Family Fun On The Green

Opened and dedicated in Sept. of 1996, the Village Green has played host to several different community events. The first Fall on the Green festival accompanied the memorial dedication, followed in late November by the Christmas Parade Party and the Love Lights a Tree campaign to benefit the cancer society.

Easter Saturday saw the Green filled with children looking for prized filled Easter eggs in our first Easter Egg Hunt. This was followed in May with our third annual car sale.

In July, Dick Judson and The Sunshine Brass Orchestra entertained a crowded park on a beautiful Sunday evening with a 3-hour free concert.

Plans are presently being made for the second Fall on the Green Festival.

All of these events are planned and coordinated by the Special Events Commission. They are: Lilly Douville, Rose Simpson, Roger Benson, Steve Larsen, Margaret Hayes, John Berghs, Lynn Craig, Linda Vorderer, Sharyn Guerin, Trustee William Keane, Village Clerk Jayne Powers, and Village Manager Joe Faber.

Village Green Memorial Brick Walk

The new Veteran's Memorial and Village Green have added a splash of color and openness to the center of our Community. Located just North of the Oak Lawn Library, this beautiful green space includes the memorial wall, Library reading areas, a play lot and gazebo. Many of the walks in this area have been constructed of ornamental paving brick. At the suggestion of a Village resident, individual paving bricks are available which may be engraved to memorialize a friend or family member. Anyone interested in having an engraved brick installed on a walkway at the Village Green should complete this form and return it along with $25.00 to the Village Municipal Center.

If you have any question concerning the Memorial Brick Walk, please call the Village Manager's office at 499-7743.

BRICK ENGRAVING INSTRUCTIONS:
Each brick may contain a maximum of three (3) lines, with up to 13 characters per line (including spaces and punctuation marks). Fill-in each box with a letter, numeral, character, or leave blank for spaces.

The Village of Oak Lawn reserves the right to reject any engraving request it finds objectionable or inappropriate.

Return completed forms to the Village of Oak Lawn Municipal Center
9446 Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453

FALL ON THE GREEN

SEPTEMBER 6th & 7th

ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday, Sept. 6th

11:00 am Honey Bear Dancers
1:00 pm Skylarks
Terry McEldowney
3:45 pm American English
6:00 pm Rewired

8:30 pm John "Records" Landecker & the Legends

Sunday, Sept. 7th

10:00 am Prayer Service
1:00 pm Bluz Brothers
Banjo Buddies Dixieland Band
2:15 pm Five Guys Named Mo
4:30 pm Outcast Jazz Band

7:00 pm Franz Benteler and the Royal Strings

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VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program

The Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring a 50/50 Tree Planting Program. This Village service enables residents to share the cost of parkway trees, with the Village and resident each paying half the cost of the tree and tree planting. **The deadline for the fall season planting is September 15, 1997. All applications received after September 15 will be considered for the fall season.** To participate in the cost share program, please submit payment, as well as this completed form to the Village. For more information, pease call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

(Please print or type all information)

Resident's Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please specify first and second choice. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed. Trees can be planted in the parkway only, between the curb and the sidewalk. Village staff will advise on appropriate locations in the parkway. Tree size is 2″ in diameter. **Trees are not guaranteed. Tree replacement will be at the discretion of the Village Forester.** Should overhead utilities exist along the parkway the final selection of trees must be approved by Village staff.

SPECIES	QUANTITY		RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Freeman Red Maple	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Swamp White Oak	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Bur Oak	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Hackberry	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Littleleaf Linden	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Silver Linden	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Hophornbeam	_____	@	$115.00	_____
White Ash	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Turkish Filbert	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Gingko	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Homestead Elm	_____	@	$130.00	_____

The following tree species are approved for planting under utility wires.

SPECIES	QUANTITY		RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Flowering Crabapple	_____	@	$ 90.00	_____
Serviceberry	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Pekin Tree Lilac	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Musclewood	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Hedge Maple	_____	@	$115.00	_____

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AUGUST, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
All vehicles registered to Village addresses must display a current vehicle sticker. Pre-printed vehicle sticker applications were mailed to all previous sticker holders. Those who did not receive an application may obtain a blank form at the Village Hall. All stickers—for passenger cars, recreational vehicles, motorcycles and trucks—**must be affixed by midnight on Friday, August 15, 1997.** Those who fail to affix their 1997 sticker will be ticketed along with having to pay a late charge when they purchase their stickers. For more information call 499-7777.					1 Family Days at 94th & Oak Park	2 Family Days at 94th & Oak Park
3 Family Days at 94th & Oak Park	4 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	5	6 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	7 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	8	9 Village Hall Open for purchase of Vehicle Stickers 8:30 am to Noon
10	11 Business Development 8:00 pm	12 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	13 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2 pm	14 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	15 VEHICLE STICKER DEAD-LINE	16 Community Wellness Day - Oak Lawn H.S. 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
17	18 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	19 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	20 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2 pm	21 Public Works 7:30 pm	22	23
24 31	25 PR/Cable TV Solid Waste 7:30 pm	26 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	27 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2 pm	28 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	29	30

SEPTEMBER, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 LABOR DAY Village Hall Closed	2	3 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	4 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	5	6 Fall On The Green 10 am to 10 pm
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21	22 Autumn Begins PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	23 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	24 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm	25 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30	Register to vote before October 6th! Election Day is Tuesday, November 4, 1997. Residents who are eighteen years old, or will be 18 on or before November 4, those who have recently moved; changed their names or never registered to vote before may do so at the Village Clerk's Office until October 6, 1997 at 5 p.m. Bring two forms of identification, one with your Oak Lawn address. For more information, call the Clerk's Office at 499-7738.			

DETACH HERE

OCTOBER, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	2 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	3	4
5 Voter Registration Closes Tomorrow at 5:00 pm. For more Information Call 499-7738	6 Last Day To Register To Vote Planning & Development 8:00 pm	7	8 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm	9 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	10	11
12	13 Village Hall Closed Columbus Day	14 Leaf Bag Sale Begins Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	15 Last Day of Farmers Market	16 Public Works 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	21 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	22	23 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	24	25
26 Check battery in your smoke detector Daylight Savings Time Begins	27 Leaf Bag Pickup Begins PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	28 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	29	30	31 Happy Halloween 	Trick or Treaters — wear reflective clothing, travel in groups or with an adult— don't eat candy until checked by an adult

NOVEMBER, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Reminder: Sale of orange leaf bags ends Wednesday, November 26th. Last day leaf bags will be picked up is Saturday, November 29th. Christmas Parade and Santa on the Green — November 23rd.						1
2 Remember to Vote Tues. Nov. 4th 	3 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	4 Election Day Polls Open 6:00 am to 7:00 pm	5 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	6 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	7	8
9	10 Business Development 7:30 pm	11 Veteran's Day Village Hall Closed Board of Trustees 8:00 pm	12	13 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	14	15
16	17 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	18 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	19	20 Public Works 7:30 pm	21	22
23 Christmas Parade & Santa On the Village Green 30	24 PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	25 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	26 Sale of Leaf Bags Ends at 5 pm	27 Thanksgiving 	28 Village Hall Closed	29 Last Day for Leaf Bag Pick Up!

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THURSDAY - NOVEMBER 27	**THANKSGIVING DAY**
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LEAF BAGS

Leaf bags will be on sale at the Village Hall beginning on October 14th and ending on November 26th. The cost will remain $5.00 for twenty large bags. The garbage pickup dates will begin on Monday, October 27th and end on Saturday, November 29th.

HOST HOMES NEEDED

Moraine Valley Community College is seeking community residents to provide housing for international students. The college's International Host Home Program is designed to provide opportunities for you to become acquainted with foreign students attending the college. Living with a host family will help students to improve their English skills while learning more about the United States. Students pay room and board fees to hosts. For more information, Call Claudia Robuck at **(708) 874-5756.**

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- Business Update
- Tree City USA 50/50 Tree Program

Dear Friends:

Springtime is just around the corner. Warm weather, flowers and summer vacation are just ahead. As the warm weather approaches, many exciting developments will unfold here in Oak Lawn. The following improvements should all be completed before next winter:

- *Downtown Lighting and Streetscape:* This program will add wider sidewalks and over 200 new ornamental streetlights to the center of town. This project is designed to beautify our community and enhance our central business district.
- *Metra Triangle District:* This property, located on the south side of 95th Street from the Metra rail crossing to 52nd Avenue, will be completely redeveloped to include a Harris Bank facility and retail center. Located immediately adjacent to the Metra Station, this development will also include a nationally recognized coffee shop, bagel store and several other retail occupants. (This site had been previously known as the "Brandt" Development. Because of your concerns, "Brandt" was permanently eliminated and replaced by the Harris Bank development).
- *Metra Station Canopies:* With the direct assistance of a state grant, the Village will construct four large canopies near the Metra Station. These ornamental structures will provide illuminated shelter for anyone using the Metra train or downtown PACE Bus. As Metra continues to add train service on our commuter line, the Oak Lawn station is fast becoming our quickest link to downtown Chicago.
- *Oak Lawn Lake Restoration:* This project will combine traditional and bioengineering efforts to completely clean and restore Oak Lawn Lake. Once complete, our Lake should become a pristine fresh water recreation area open to all our residents. If anyone is unsure, the lake is located between 96th and 97th Streets one half block east of Central Avenue.

In closing, this Spring brings with it our local municipal election on April 1st. I encourage all residents to come out and vote. Your voice is heard most loudly on election day.

Respectfully

Ernie Kolb

Ernie Kolb

The Village of Oak Lawn lost a friend and hard worker when Gene Gallagher passed away on December 7, 1996. Gene was very instrumental in the planning and construction of the Oak Lawn Veterans Memorial and Village Green. He suffered a fatal heart attack just hours after commemorating the anniversary of Pearl Harbor at the new memorial.

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People You Should Know

JOHN FINNELL, Village Forester

A 1990 graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a degree in forestry, John is the Village's Forester and staff person for the Environmental Concerns Committee. Before coming to work for the Village in August of 1996, John had recently returned from serving three years in the Peace Corp in Paraguay, South America. He had helped Paraguayan farmers manage a tree nursery for two years and after coordinated Peace Corps' Forestry and Environmental Education Programs in Paraguay. While in the Peace Corps, John met his wife Sarah (Stark), who grew up in Oak Lawn. John is looking forward to the spring and implementing several tree planting programs one of which is the 50/50 tree program. At this time John is working with Commonwealth Edison on their tree pruning practices and helping residents with insect and disease diagnoses and treatment.

PAMELA JOSEPH, *Grant Administrator*

A 37-year resident of Oak Lawn, Pam Joseph has a special feel for the needs of our community. With all the time she dedicates to the Village, Pam still spends quality time with her 2 children, and is an avid kayaker, hiker and wilderness camper. She is a board member of School District 229, and an active member in several Village activities including the Environmental Concerns Committee, the Housing Coalition of the South Suburbs and the Oak Lawn Community Partnership. As Grant Administrator, Pam has written and administered 1.2 million in grant funding for the Village of Oak Lawn including the following: recycling bins, train station canopies, Police Department gun range, "Homelessness to Housing" transitional housing, "Village Green" improvements, shared housing for Seniors, sidewalks and streetlights and more. Pam's resolve is to make our Village a great place to live and work.

GENE WESOLOWSKI, *Director of Family Services*

Gene Wesolowski comes to Oak Lawn with a wealth of experience. With a BA in psychology, an MA in Clinical Social Work and certifications from several counseling and psychiatric training programs, Gene is well equipped to handle the most difficult of situations.

After college Gene joined the Peace Corps and taught junior high math and science in Western Samoa, an island in the South Pacific. Despite enjoying life on a tropical island he returned to the Chicago area where he began a varied career in the mental health field. Gene has worked as a school social worker and as a clinical social worker at a number of institutions, such as Pritzker Children's Hospital, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services, Fillmore Center, Eisenhower Special Education Cooperative, Children's Memorial Hospital, Scholarship and Guidance Association, and Northwestern Memorial Hospital. Gene and his wife Carol have one child, and some of his interests are computers, camping, snorkeling and scuba diving. Gene's goal is to connect with the many people and resources in the Village of Oak Lawn as a way to enhance Family Service's efforts in the community.

JAMES WEBB, *Director of Community Development*

A seasoned economic development specialist, Jim coordinated business development projects in the six midwestern states of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Ohio for the U.S. Small Business Administration for 8-1/2 years prior to joining the administrative staff at the Village of Oak Lawn. Jim has been an Oak Lawn resident since 1987 and he and his family are very active in community activities. In his spare time Jim coaches an 8 & 9 year-old basketball team for the Park District and is a United Way volunteer. A graduate of the University of Illinois at Springfield, Jim is an advocate for business in Oak Lawn and is dedicated to serving the residents of the Village. Jim's business hotline is 499-7821.

TRUSTEE BILL KEANE - DISTRICT 6
EDITOR'S NOTES

When first elected in 1993, one of my campaign promises was to increase the level of communication between the Village government and its residents. This newsletter, which was started in 1994, is the result of that campaign promise.

As the editor of this newsletter, I attempt to provide information about Village services, introduce you to Village employees (People You Should Know), and highlight important dates and events.

Frequently, people ask me who their school board members are, or who sits on the Library Board, etc. In this issue of the "Clippings" you will find the names, addresses, and phone numbers of all your elected representatives starting with the President. Hopefully, this list of contacts will assist you when a problem or concern arises.

In addition, an order form is attached if you wish to purchase a Parkway tree using our 50/50 Tree Program.

Should you have any suggestions, requests, comments or complaints about this newsletter, please direct them to me at The Village Hall.

Sincerely,
Bill Keane

Around Town . . .

Mayor Kolb, LaSalle Bank fsb, & "Tickle Me" Elmo Team Up to Help Hope Children's Hospital

The "Tickle Me" Elmo doll became a big hit this year. Just prior to Christmas one of the popular toys was given to the Village.

"The first thought I had was to donate it to the Children's Hospital," stated Mayor Ernest Kolb. Instead the Mayor decided to sell Elmo, help the Hospital and give joy to the children. "We called Bob Evans, the manager of LaSalle Bank fsb on 95th Street and he agreed to purchase Elmo. The Hope Children's Hospital would benefit from a cash donation from the Village of Oak Lawn from the sale of the Elmo doll and LaSalle fsb would also give "Tickle Me Elmo to the hospital," Mayor Kolb added.

The cuddly toy brought delight to hospitalized children and extra funding to the hospital.

Another example of the spirit of Oak Lawn. Thanks Bob Evans and LaSalle fsb. Great idea, Mayor Kolb.

BUS SERVICE FOR OAK LAWN RESIDENTS

The Village of Oak Lawn Senior/Handicapped bus is available for Oak Lawn residents, 60 years of age or older, on Monday, Thursday and Friday between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

To use this bus you must have a special Village of Oak Lawn I.D. bus pass. If you do not have this pass, stop by the Senior Center and pick up an application form. When you have completed the form, please return it to the Center. A pass will be mailed to your home.

When you wish to use this bus service, you must make an appointment 24 hours in advance. Monday requests will be taken on Friday. Call for reservations between the hours of 9 a.m. and Noon the day before you wish to use the bus. The number to call is 499-7090.

This bus will take you anywhere within Oak Lawn and will also go to Chicago Ridge Mall.

SURF THE NET – FIND THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

Oak Lawn now has a Home Page on the Internet. Information on the Village is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Oak Lawn Home Page address is www.lincolnnet.net/oak-lawn and includes data from Midway Airport, Metra Southwest Service Commuter line, Village demographics, Community Development Block Grant accomplishments and information on Economic Development.

"The development of a home page on the Internet for Oak Lawn reflects the ability of the "Village to utilize the most current technology in the Information Age," stated Mayor Ernest Kolb.

"Village demographics and economic development information needs to be available in every type of media to demonstrate what a great place Oak Lawn is to live and work," the Mayor added.

Robert Adamitis, Director of Emergency Communications for the Village, is also manager of the Village Home Page. He monitors the site and performs information updating when necessary.

"The data incorporated on the Oak Lawn Home Page will be of use to residents and businesses," Adamitis stated. "The information will be reviewed and updated quarterly beginning in 1997 to assure that users are kept current about Oak Lawn," he added.

The Internet service is provided free to the Village through Governor's State University. For more information regarding the Oak Lawn web site contact the Oak Lawn Business Hotline at 708-499-7821.

TRUSTEE BOB STREIT - DISTRICT 3

3RD DISTRICT REPORT

COOK SCHOOL RENOVATION

A committee of Village residents JoAnne Keeney and Mary Grana, Park Board members Patti Corcoran and Paul Karr, and Trustees Mike Walsh, Ron Stancik and myself have agreed in principle on a future use of the long shuttered Cook School. The plan will save the original structure which is on the National Register of Historic Buildings, and for this historic centerpiece to serve as a community center and theater. This exciting new proposal will create a host of new programs for all residents, but especially it will be a place for Oak Lawn's children to engage in constructive activities. With seating for nearly 400, the theater will also enhance economic development in Oak Lawn.

OAK LAWN LAKE RESTORATION

The Environmental Concerns Committee has been working on the clean-up and beautification of Oak Lawn Lake. A series of meetings with residents provided ideas for a splendid new design that will have greater ecological stability in an attractive park-like atmosphere. Artist renderings are on display at the Village Hall.

LIGHTING

New ornamental lighting providing a historic and attractive atmosphere will surround the lake. Also, plans are underway to expand this ornamental lighting theme south of 95th Street, through the Triangle TIF District, into the commuter parking lot and into adjoining residential neighborhoods. Hope this brightens up your day and night!

PUBLIC WORKS FACILITY

In recognizing its responsibility to be a good neighbor, the Village has erected a decorative fence along the south and west sides of the public works facility at 98th and Central. Vegetative screening will also be added. Hopefully, this will lessen the impact of this facility in a residential neighborhood.

The success we have enjoyed working together to save Cook School, restore Oak Lawn Lake and beautify the public works facility could only have been possible with the efforts of so many residents here in the 3rd District and throughout the Village. I would like to thank everyone for their participation and input on these improvements for Oak Lawn. Please call me to discuss these or any other ideas at 422-3600.

All About Trees

TREE DESCRIPTIONS

Freeman Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* "Autumn Blaze" and "Morgan") - Hardy and drought tolerant, this new hybrid is said to have good potential for the midwest. The Morton Arboretum in Lisle has some mature specimens. A fast growing tree with deep green leaves and a dazzling orange-red fall color. This tree can reach 50-70 feet at maturity.

Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides* "Deborah" and "Emerald Lustre") - A hardy tree well adapted to urban conditions. It has dark green leaves and a very dense crown, with little fall color. Reaches 50 feet in height at maturity. Over planted in many neighborhoods.

Thornless Honeylocust (*Gleditsia triacanthos* "Skyline") - Tolerates severe urban conditions. Usually has a short trunk with an open, airy crown that allows for grass to grow underneath. Has a brilliant golden-yellow fall color. This tree usually reaches 45 feet at maturity. This species has had pest problems and has been over planted in many neighborhoods. Mature examples can be seen planted behind Oak Lawn Library.

Crimson King Maple (*Acer platanoides* "Crimson King") - The red leaved variety of Norway Maple. (see above)

White Ash (*Fraxinus americana* "Autumn Purple") - A hardy street tree native to the area. Reaches 50 feet with an oval crown shape. This cultiar has a subdued reddish-purple fall color. This is a good substitute for over planted green ash. Examples of this tree can be seen on Raymond Avenue east of the Village Hall.

Green Ash (*Fraxinum pennsylvanica* "Summit" and "Patmore") - This species almost tolerates severe urban conditions too well. Therefore it has been over planted in many new subdivisions and urban developments. Upright and columnar this tree can reach 50 feet. It displays a golden-yellow fall color. A big plus is that this hybrid is seedless.

Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata* "Glenleven" and "Greenspire") - Excellent shade tree, known for its fragrant lower in June or July. Tolerates urban conditions/air pollution. This species has a pyramidal and dense canopy. Has been over planted in some areas. Lindens can be seen in the Village Green and the north parking lot of the Municipal Center.

Silver Linden (Tilia tomentosa "Brabant") - Broad conical crown with a strong central leader, leaves dark green with a yellow fall color. Matures at 60 feet. This tree has an interesting leaf pattern with a dark green upside and a silvery-white underside. When the wind is blowing this produces a glimmering effect. This species also produces flowers in late June and early July. Another excellent street tree.

Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis* "Windy City") - This native is in the same family as American Elm and may resemble that classic Vase Crown at maturity. It is immune to Dutch Elm Disease. Hackberry can be identified by the "warty" appearance of the bark. It does well in urban conditions and is gaining popularity as a landscape tree. There are several mature specimens dispersed throughout Oak Lawn.

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus bicolor*) - A native oak maturing at 50 - 60 feet with a broad spreading canopy. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Two examples of this species can be seen at the Village Green.

Burr Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) - Another native oak which matures at 50 - 60 feet with a broad spreading canopy. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Many examples of this species can be seen around Parkside AVe., Brandt AVe., and 96th Street.

Chinkapin Oak (*Quercus muehlenbergii*) - A native oak which matures at 50 - 60 feet. This is an oak that usually ends up having a broad spreading canopy and a squat stature. Like the other oaks this tree requires a large area. Thee doesn't appear to be any of these trees in Oak Lawn, but some foresters in the northwest suburbs have reported good things about this species.

American Hophornbeam (*Ostrya virginiana*) - This medium sized native tree is gaining in popularity for planting under power lines. It has been difficult to transplant, but once established it has few pest problems and has a handsome birch like growth form.

Flowering Pear (*Pyrus calleryana* "" and "Redspire") - Unfortunately these trees are becoming over planted in many areas. Early cultivars were quite susceptible to storm damage. Pears do produce beautiful spring flowers and fall color. This is a medium sizes pyramidal tree which matures at 40 feet.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like more information, please call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

TRUSTEE RON STANCIK - DISTRICT 2
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

OAK LAWN LAKE PROJECT

After extensive sessions with area residents, Fugro Midwest Engineering Company, and Village staff the Committee has developed an innovative and attractive plan to restore and redevelop this area which is in need of dredging and shoreline restoration.

This plan not only provides for immediate improvements to the lake but also brings forward a plan for ongoing upkeep. The improvements include eliminating shoreline erosion and algae and creating a natural park-like atmosphere for all to enjoy.

URBAN FORESTRY PROGRAM

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will be meeting our new columnist and Village Forester, John Finnell. The Committee, with John, has developed an Urban Forestry Program, approved by the Board of Trustees, which is aimed at achieving an extensive regreening of our Village.

These programs include

- Designation as "Tree City USA."
- Participation in the "Suburban Tree Consortium."
- Establishment of the 50/50 Parkway Tree Program.
  A detailed order form with a method of prepayment is included in this newsletter. I'm pleased that we can present to you a large variety of healthy trees which will be carefully selected.

Our citizen committee meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. at 5330 West 95th St. (Oak Lawn Senior Center). Please feel free to join us. Our success has been due to the contributions of all the team players.

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program

The Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring a 50/50 Tree Planting Program. This Village service enables residents to share the cost of parkway trees, with the village and resident each paying half the cost of the tree and tree planting. **The deadline for the spring season planting is April 1, 1997 All applications received after April 1, will be considered for the fall season.** To participate in the cost share program, please submit payment, as well as this completed form to the Village. For more information, pease call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

(Please print or type all information)

Resident's Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please specify first and second choice. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed. Trees can be planted in the parkway only, between the curb and the sidewalk. Village staff will advise on appropriate locations in the parkway. Tree size is 2" in diameter. **Trees are not guaranteed. Tree Replacement will be at the discretion of the Village Forester.** Should overhead utilities exist along the parkway the final selection of trees must be approved by Village staff.

DETACH HERE

SPECIES	QUANTITY		RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Norway Maple	_____	@	$100.00	_____
Honey Locust	_____	@	$100.00	_____
Flowering Pear	_____	@	$100.00	_____
Sugar Maple	_____	@	$105.00	_____
Crimson King Maple	_____	@	$105.00	_____
White Ash	_____	@	$105.00	_____
Green Ash	_____	@	$105.00	_____
Linden	_____	@	$105.00	_____
Hackberry	_____	@	$105.00	_____
Red Oak	_____	@	$110.00	_____
White Oak	_____	@	$110.00	_____
Hophornbeam	_____	@	$110.00	_____
White Oak	_____	@	$110.00	_____
Hophornbeam	_____	@	$110.00	_____

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Business Update . . .

Mayor Kolb Proud of Village and Industry Partnership Automotion, Inc. to hold Grand Opening

Automotion, Inc. is a 30 million dollar manufacturer of conveyor systems with 200 employees and a spacious, modern facility at 11000 South LaVergne Avenue in Oak Lawn. That was not the case in 1995. "Automotion was housed in four separate buildings with inadequate room to meet our manufacturing needs or capabilities," stated Donald J. Frueh, Vice President of Finance and Administration. "We were cramped and communication between sites was a problem," Frueh added. Automotion began a search for larger quarters. "The site at 11000 South LaVergne Avenue was available and also offered room for expansion in the future which matched this company's growth potential," stated Mayor Ernest Kolb. "The money needed to plan, relocate and redevelop the area was a considerable amount. Automotion came to the Village of Oak Lawn for help," Mayor Kolb added.

The Village issued a 2.6 million dollar Industrial Development bond to allow Automotion to finance the relocation and renovation of the 135,000 square foot facility on LaVergne Avenue for their business. The entire cost of these bonds including all Village fees will be paid for by Automotion. This type of financing provides an incentive to Automotion that has absolutely no cost to the taxpayers of Oak Lawn.

Currently Automotion, Inc. is a leader in the conveyor systems and components industry and they set the standard for nationwide distribution of products.

"We are launching an intensified sales program for 1997 and considering upgrades in both our engineering and conveyor departments," continued Vice President of Finance Don Frueh. "Automotion has a team approach that exceeds expectations in project management and installation expertise. What makes our conveyor systems different is our ability to design the system to meet or exceed customer requirements," Frueh added. Automotion is justifiably proud of its achievements.

"Economic Development demands different solutions to different problems. The dedication of this fine company to Oak Lawn with the capability to provide jobs for residents is just part of our Economic Development plan for the future of the Village," stated Mayor Kolb. Automotion held a grand opening and tour of the new plant and facilities on Tuesday, February 11th.

For more information on Automotion, Inc., please call the Oak Lawn Business Hotline at 499-7821.

Village Sponsors Business and Real Estate Meeting

The Village of Oak Lawn held a meeting of local Realtors and Bankers on February 12th at the Oak Lawn Hilton to discuss current trends in the local marketplace.

"The plans for redevelopment in Oak Lawn for 1997 and beyond will include a working partnership with the real estate community and financial institutions," stated Mayor Ernest Kolb.

The meeting included discussions of the planned "streetscape project," municipal parking lot acquisition plan and commercial land usage.

"The current trend of movement by business concerns from power malls to free standing structures on major commercial arteries similar to 95th Street and Cicero Avenue across the country is to the advantage of communities like ours and we must be on the cutting edge," Mayor Kolb added.

The Oak Lawn Business Loan Program, Community Development Block Grants, Business Location assistance and Small Business Administration loans for local businesses were also discussed.

The breakfast meeting was an invitation only event which will be repeated on an annual basis. If you are a commercial Realtor or represent a commercial lending institution and would like to attend future events, please contact Community Development Director, James Webb at 708-499-7838 or call the Oak Lawn Business Hotline at 708-499-7821.

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Village Business Loan Programs are Successful

The Village of Oak Lawn currently offers two loan programs to local business owners.

The **Revolving Loan Program** is geared to Oak Lawn business capital development and grants loans from $25,000 to $150,000 for local business construction, remodeling or purchase of capital assets.

"The revolving loan program has made $1,000,000 in loans available to Oak Lawn businesses in the past year," stated Oak Lawn Mayor Ernest Kolb.

The million dollar fund has been utilized to make $983,600 available to qualified applicants. There is currently $201,000 in pending loan requests. The revolving loan fund is replenished by the repayment of approved loans.

In addition to the Revolving Loan Program the Village has developed the **Business Development Loan Program.**

Local participating banks offer local businesses loans from $25,000 to $250,000 for capital development projects. The Village has approved $1,166,700 through the Business Development Loan Program to date.

"I credit the success of the loan programs to the local commercial banks for their leadership and performance in supporting Oak Lawn businesses," the Mayor added.

The partnership between the Village, local business and financial institutions is another indication of our solid economic growth.

Both loan programs require that the business must be located in Oak Lawn; increase local taxes or employment; be properly licensed; comply with Village Codes and ordinances; and that no money is due and owing to the Village from the applicant.

If you have further questions, please contact Gail Paul, Director of Administrative Services at 636-4400, extension 7760, or call the Oak Lawn Business Hotline at 708-499-7821.

OAK LAWN WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS

The Following Businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of September through December 1996.

A-1 Auto Body
Burger King Restaurant
Comp-Tech Business
Designer's Choice
Hands On Auto Detailing
Hooters of Oak Lawn, Inc.
The Omelette House
Priority Vending Services
Regional Claim Services
Tops Paintball
Waste Systems Inc.
Wing Wah Express
B & H Sports, Ltd.
Bank of America
Davis Staffing, Inc.
Engine Trader
Excursions Into the Unknown
Furniture USA
Michael Alexander's
Natalie's Flower Cottage & Gifts
Oak Lawn Union 76
Play It Again Sports
Quaker State Quick Lube
Senior's Club
Solar Automotive
Subway
Sweet Pit BBQ
Value Vending Inc.
Vittori's
Countrywide Home Loans, Inc.
Hi-Tech Machine & Welding, Inc.
The Holiday Store
Oak Lawn Karate School
Charlie's Towing & Repair
Coin Services, Inc.
Crupa, Inc. d/b/a Extra Value Liquors

TRUSTEE MIKE WALSH - DISTRICT 4

GOALS

With the new year upon us, it is customary to look forward and set goals for the future. Besides eating healthy and getting more exercise (two resolutions I make, every year), I would like to take this opportunity to share my vision for District 4 and the Village of Oak Lawn in 1997.

- Continued economic prosperity and job creation through expansion of the low interest business loan program, the creation of ample municipal parking and a new, beautiful streetscape along 95th Street.
- Aggressive enforcement of my new Shopping Center Clean-up and Maintenance Ordinance. Large chain stores must be held accountable for the condition of their buildings and parking areas.
- Increased community pride and cooperation by bringing people together in the new Village Green. I would like to see summer open-air concerts, (a variety of ethnic music would be nice) and possibly an art fair.
- No increase in real estate taxes!! Now, you are probably wondering how all of this can take place without increasing real estate taxes. Well, the truth is that all of this will be accomplished through the creative use of Federal and State grant money. Also, a viable business district with more jobs, creates more sales tax revenue and extra State income tax, which is shared with the Village. The projects on my wish list are already becoming a reality, as this newsletter goes to press.

Please feel free to call me with any questions, comments, ideas and even dreams. If we all work together, there is nothing we cannot achieve.

Mike Walsh, District 4 Trustee
Days (708) 599-7500 Nights (708) 4524-1436

A New Supermarket . . . New Jobs For Oak Lawn

Delray Farms, Inc., a national specialty supermarket chain has opened its newest neighborhood market in Oak Lawn. The market located on the northeast corner of the intersection of 95th Street and Cicero Avenue features fresh fruit, produce, seafood and meat cut to order.

Delray hosted three employment forums in Oak Lawn to give Oak Lawn residents every opportunity to fill the fifty positions needed to staff the new facility. "We stress quality products, and quality service at responsble prices," stated Delray corporate representative Michael Guerin.

Located within the market is a Bruegger's Bagel shop for those who want a shopping break or just a nice place to have a cup of coffee and a great bagel. Delray prides itself on catering to the tastes and needs of the area.

Stop by and say hello to one of Oak Lawn's newest businesses.

OAK LAWN
3rd ANNUAL AUTO SALE
Village Green — 95th & Cook

Fri. May 16th – 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Sat. May 17th – 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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TRUSTEE CY HOLESHA - DISTRICT 1
UPDATE

Did You Know . . .

- That the Village has opened a drop-off recycling center at 99th and Central. This facility is open weekdays from 8:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. All residents may use this center for their convenience.
- That the Village will plant almost 300 parkway trees in District 1 this Spring. These trees are the beginning of a comprehensive plan to develop a vibrant urban forest.
- That the Village is working with State Legislators and School District 122 to permanently solve the school funding problem. Not only has the Village approved a short-term loan to District 122, at our request, the State legislators are attempting to pass an amendment which would provide $275,000 of annual T.I.F. revenue to our School board.

Cy Holesha
District I Trustee

Clerks Corner

DID YOU KNOW . . .

- In 1996 Oak Lawn collected over 9 million dollars in sales tax revenues which translates into over 900 million dollars in retail sales in the Village.
- The highest earning age group in the United States is 25 to 64 years of age. This age group comprises 50% of the population of Oak Lawn.
- The Oak Lawn Business Hotline answers questions about new business in the Village. Call the Hotline at 708-499-7821.
- Hope Children's Hospital, located on Christ Hospital's Oak Lawn Campus, is the only hospital in the south/southwest suburbs exclusively dedicated to the care of children.
- Play It Again Sports has opened on 95th Street in the old Firestone location.
- The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce is one of the strongest business advocates in the area. Contact Chamber Director, Joan Kennedy at 708-424-8300 for membership information.
- LaSalle Bank fsb has three convenient locations in Oak Lawn and has opened a new commercial loan division. Call for more information.
- The new Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce President is James Brady, Vice President of Evergreen Bank in Oak Lawn. Oak Lawn has over 1,200 businesses that reside in strip malls and along several main streets. The mix ranges from fast food to health care to fine restaurants, new car dealerships and sporting goods.
- The former Oak Lawn pet store on 95th Street will become the new home of Mason Insurance Agency in early 1997.
- New construction is proceeding on the old Saxon Building site on 95th Street. The Splash Car Wash and oil change facility are rapidly being completed. This 2.6 million dollar project is scheduled for completion in the late Spring of 1997.
- 95th Street will be welcoming several new businesses soon. A Mexican restaurant, a national bagel and coffee shop, a beauty shop and health spa and a 9,500 square foot retail complex.
- The former Marquette Sporting goods store on 95th Street will become a doctor's office to serve Oak Lawn residents.
- Furniture USA, a California based company recently opened a new store in the old Color Tile location at 103rd Street and Cicero Avenue.

Davis Staffing is Putting the Person in Personnel

A leader in the personnel staffing industry, Davis Staffing, Inc. has opened an office in Oak Lawn. The premier company with corporate headquarters in Olympia Fields has provided local businesses with highly qualified individuals for clerical, light industrial and technical needs for over 36 years.

"We have made a pledge to provide the best service possible to the most important people in our business, the client and the employee," stated Deborah Davis, Vice President. Davis also provides an array of customized staffing alternatives and services to improve business productivity in a cost effective manner.

"The customized solutions we provide help local businesses to perform at maximum efficiency and also provides jobs to local residents," Ms. Davis added.

The Oak Lawn office opened in October at 9605 Southwest Highway with a Grand Opening and ribbon cutting ceremony featuring Mayor Ernest Kolb. "We are pleased to welcome a dynamic new company to Oak Lawn," Mayor Kolb stated.

The staff of the Oak Lawn office includes Laureen Kalinski, staffing consultant; Alexis O'Farrell, Staffing Supervisor; and Alison McAuliffe, Evaluation Supervisor. For further information, give them a call a 708-857-7511.

April 1st Election — Polling Places

TRUSTEE CY HOLESHA

Pct. #	District I
1	Menard Activity Center 90th & Menard Ave.
34	Dearborn Heights School 9620 S. Normandy Ave.
44	Monticello Nursing Home 6300 W. 95th St.
66	Simmons Middle School 6450 W. 95th Street
110	Church of the Nazarene 6343 W. 90th Place
131	Lieb School 91st & Oak Park Ave.
148	David Johnston Center Park District Bldg. 9400 Oak Park Ave.
160	Harnew School 91st & Austin Ave.
164	Wesleyan Church 8844 S. Austin Ave.

TRUSTEE RON STANCIK

Pct. #	District II
1 - 134	Menard Activity Center 90th & Menard Ave.
2 - 56 77 - 99	Brandt School 8901 S. 52nd Ave.
25	Oak Lawn Bible Church 9434 S. 54th Ave.
40 - 58	Pilgrim Faith Church 9411 S. 51st Ave.
41 - 94	Harnew School 91st & Austin Ave.
109	Municipal Center 9446 S. Raymond Ave.
114	Covington School 9130 S. 52nd Ave.

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3 - 49	Trinity Lutheran Church 9701 S. Brandt
26	Faith Ev. Church Hall 9700 S. Melvina
27 - 46 140	VFW Post 9514 S. 52nd Ave.
33 - 142	Columbus Manor School 97th & Mayfield Ave.
35	Sward School 98th & Brandt Ave.
49	Trinity Lutheran Church 9701 S. Brandt
85	Gasteyer School 99th & 54th Ave.
115 - 170	United Methodist Church 100th & Central Ave.

TRUSTEE MIKE WALSH

Pct. #	District IV
36 - 93 117 - 122	Salem United Church 9717 S. Kostner Ave.
40	Pilgrim Faith Church 9411 S. 51st Ave.
63	Christian Reformed Church 10415 S. Kedvale
92 - 113	Elim Church 100th & Kostner Ave.
120 - 121 161	Hannum School 98th & Tripp Ave.
125	Fox College 93rd & Keeler Ave.

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Pct. #	District V
22 - 91 100 - 129	Oak View Center 110th & Kilpatrick
74 - 116	St. Linus Church 10400 S. Lawler Ave.
90 - 103	Gasteyer School 99th & 54th Ave.
154 - 167	Racquet Club 10444 S. Central Ave.
162	McGugan Jr. High 105th & Lockwood Ave.
165	Richards High School 10600 S. Central Ave.

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Pct. #	District VI
5 - 157	Kolmar School 10425 S. Kolmar Ave.
75 - 123	First Church of God 4600 W. 111th Street
84 - 111 135	Lawn Manor School 4300 W. 108th Place
100 - 129	Columbus Manor School 97th & Mayfield Ave.
106 - 112 153	Christian Reformed Church 10415 S. Kedvale Ave.
113	Elim Church 100th & Kostner Ave.
118	Fire Station 103rd & Kostner Ave.

TRUSTEE MARGE JOY - DISTRICT 5
FLOODING UPDATE

111th Street improvements will continue through 1997 and 1998. Work has already begun on the railroad overpass near 111th and Central. When completed, the entire length of 111th Street from Central Avenue to Pulaski will be repaved, including new curbs, sewers and street lights. It might be inconvenient while construction is going on, but the final product will be worth it.

FLOODING UPDATE . . .

The Village of Oak Lawn is working diligently with Congressman Bill Lipinski's office to receive federal dollars for relieving the flooding problem in Oakdale. We will be meeting with FEMA and our consulting engineer to discuss reconsideration of the mitigation grant. In addition, the Army Corps of Engineers is pursuing the feasibility study with regards to Stony Creek and increasing storm water runoff capacity for the Village of Oak Lawn.

At the last Village Board Meeting, the Board approved the purchase of 15 pumps along with discharge and suction pumps for distribution to residents who experience flooding problems in their homes.

The Village is committed to alleviating and hopefully resolving the flooding in Oak Lawn. Knowing that increasing the capacity of Stony Creek is a major factor, we will collaborate with the many agencies involved until a permanent solution is achieved.

Trustee Marge Joy
District 5

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2	3 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	4	5 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	6 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	7	8
9	10 Business Development 8:00 pm	11 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	12	13 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	14	15
16	17 	18 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	19	20 **SPRING BEGINS** 	21	22
23	24 PR/Cable TV Solid Waste 7:30 pm	25 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	26	27 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	28 **GOOD FRIDAY** Village Hall Closed	29
30 **EASTER** 	31					

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APRIL, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 	2 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	3 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	4	5
6 **Daylight Savings Time Begins**	7 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	8 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	9	10 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	11	12
13	14 Business Development 8:00 pm	15 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	16	17 Public Works 7:30 pm	18	19
20	21 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	22 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	23	24 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	25 **ARBOR DAY** 	26
27	28 PR/Cable TV Solid Waste 7:30 pm	29	30			

MAY, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	2	3
4	5 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	6	7 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	8 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	9	10
11 **MOTHER'S DAY** 	12 Business Development 8:00 pm	13 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	14	15 Public Works 7:30 pm	16 **Car Show 4 - 9 p.m.** 	17 **Car Show 9 - 5 p.m.**
18	19 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	20 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	21	22 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	23	24
25	26 **MEMORIAL DAY** 	27 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	28	29	30 **Traditional MEMORIAL DAY**	31

JUNE, 1997

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	3	4 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	5 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Business Development 7:30 pm	10 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	11	12 Quality Control 7:30 pm	13	14 **FLAG DAY**
15 **FATHER'S DAY** 	16 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	17 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm	18	19 Public Works 7:30 pm	20	21 **SUMMER BEGINS**
22	23 PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	24 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open to 8:00 pm	25	26 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	27	28
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APRIL 25th	**ARBOR DAY**
MAY 16th- 17th	**AUTO SALE / EXPO**
MAY 26th	**MEMORIAL DAY** **VILLAGE HALL CLOSED**
JUNE 25th	**FARMERS MARKET OPENS**

SENIOR MEN'S GOLF

The Oak Lawn Senior Center has sponsored a golf league for the past 19 years. We are looking for more men to enhance the competition. To be eligible you must be an Oak Lawn resident, 50 years of age or older and be available to play on Tuesday mornings.

The league is divided into four flights and depending upon your handicap, you will be placed in the proper division.

The league meets at Old Oak Country Club, 143rd and Parker Road in Lockport.

If you are interested or would like further information, please call the Senior Center at 499-0240.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Voter Registration is closed until April 3, 1997, two days after the election. The Municipal Election will be Tuesday, April 1, 1997. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Officers to be elected are Village President (Mayor), Village Clerk and three Village Trustees from Districts 2, 4 and 6. Residents who will be out of town on election day may vote absentee in-person in the Clerk's Office daily from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturdays between 9:00 a.m. and noon. For more information, please call Jayne at 499-7738.

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Administrative Services	499-7760
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Dear Friends

Once again, the summer construction season has returned. During 1998, several area roadways are scheduled for improvements. Please be careful driving in the following areas:

1. Central Avenue between 87th and 97th Streets will finally be completely rebuilt by Cook County. This long awaited project will create many traffic delays, but Central Avenue is really in need of this major overhaul.

2. 111th Street from Pulaski Road to Central Avenue will continue to be under construction in 1998. The underpass at the railroad crossing west of Cicero will be a great benefit when it is completed late this year.

3. 95th Street between 51st and 54th Avenues will receive new sidewalks and streetlights. These improvements will impact traffic as each side of 95th Street will be reconstructed near the existing curbs. When complete, this section of 95th Street will include an improved street scape complete with ornamental lights, planters and other amenities.

4. The local street resurfacing program will continue again this summer. Several miles of neighborhood streets will be resurfaced. Please exercise caustion while driving on these streets. Your usual cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your patience. Roadway construction is almost always inconvenient. Fortunately, once projects are complete, all of us benefit from the improvements.

Have a safe and fun summer. Don't forget to join us for the concerts on the Village Green in the months of May, June, July and our annual Fall-On-The-Green celebration in September. The details are inside this issue. See you there.

Sincerely,

Ernie Kolb

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Around Town . . .

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

On the first and third Wednesdays of each month the Oak Lawn paramedics are at the Senior Center for blood pressure testing.

The Paramedics arrive at the Center at 10 a.m. and test all residents who are present.

To be eligible for this program you must be 50 years of age or older and an Oak Lawn resident.

The Senior Center is located at 5330 West 95th Street. The phone number is 499-0240.

GRANT DOLLARS

The Village of Oak Lawn has funded the following projects with GRANT dollars, not local tax dollars.

Comprehensive Plan	$90,000
Train Station and Bus Shelter Canopies	$247,500
Center of Town Streetlights and Improvements	$460,000
Forestry	$10,000
Home Rehabilitation - average annual expenditure	$100,000
Law Enforcement	$31,000
Center of Town Park Landscaping and Equipment	$109,000
Entryway Signs	$40,000
Infant/Child Day Care Assistance – average annual expenditure	$5,000
Senior Citizen Shared Housing – average annual expenditure	$15,000
Police Department Gun Range	$485,000
Transitional Housing	$18,000

And we'll continue to look for more!

Village of Oak Lawn WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

In effect May 15 through September 15

NORMAL CONSERVATION

Water conservation allows sprinkling during the following hours only:

AUTOMATED UNDERGROUND SPRINKLERS

Midnight to 5:00 a.m.

NON-AUTOMATED (Manual) UNDERGROUND & HOSE FED SPRINKLERS

7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

SPRINKLING IS STRICTLY RESTRICTED TO DESIGNATED HOURS

Restricted Conservation

Should weather conditions warrant restricted conservation, outdoor water usage by residential and commercial water customers will be restricted to the odd/even address system, during the following hours.

Automated Underground Sprinklers: **Midnight to 5:00 a.m.**

Non-Automated (Manual) Underground & Hose Fed Sprinklers: **8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**
8:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Emergency Conservation

Should severe drought conditions develop, Emergency Conservation is imposed by Mayoral Declaration, suspending all outside sprinkling.

For more information, please call the Public Works Dept. at 499-7756.

SPRING HOME & PROPERTY SPRUCE UP TIME

Spring is upon us and with this comes the need for exterior clean-up of our homes and surrounding property. Along with planting flowers and cutting the grass, we encourage everyone to check your house and garage for needed routine maintenance.

Check window frames, door frames, eaves, soffits, gutters and downspouts for peeling or flaking paint; inspect building walls for holes, breaks and loose or rotting wood. All windows and screens should be intact and tight fitting.

Take a look at your roof and be sure the flashing is sound and tight without defects that might admit rain; check the gutters and downspouts and their placement so that water is not discharged onto your neighbor's property.

Spring is a good opportunity to check garages, fences and sheds to be sure they remain structurally sound and in good repair. Grass and weeds should never exceed 6 inches in height.

Remember, by conducting regular maintenance of your property throughout the year, the work in the spring can be much easier and take less time.

95TH STREET PARKING

Beginning the morning of Monday, April 13, 1998, no parking on both the north and south sides of 95th Street will be allowed. This will allow for traffic control during the 95th Street sidewalk, paving and decorative street light installation between 51st Avenue and 54th Court.

The "No Parking" restriction will be in effect throughout the duration of the project, which is expected to last through July, 1998.

Home Security

HOME SECURITY TIPS

Following are some helpful tips to reduce your chances of being victimized by a burglar this summer.

Doors, Windows, Locks and Keys

- All doors that lead to the outside should be metal or solid-core, 1-3/4 inch hardwood.
- Make sure all doors to the outside have good locks – deadbolt locks with a minimum 1-1/2 inch bolt.
- Always use the locks you have, on both your home and your garage. Lock up every time you go out, even if it's only for a few minutes. Almost 50 percent of burglars enter homes or property through unlocked doors or windows.
- Never hide keys outside, such as under a bush or in a flower pot. Burglars know where to find "secret" hiding places. It's much better to leave a key with a trusted neighbor.
- Don't place identification tags on your keys or key rings; if you lose them, you give potential burglars help.
- Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available bars or locks, or put a wooden dowel or broom handle in the door track. Burglars look for sliding glass doors because they are the easiest to open.
- Secure roof openings and exhaust systems.
- Make sure windows, especially those at ground level, have good locks – and always use the locks you have.
- The center thumb-turn locks on many standard windows can be easily pried open or reached through a broken pane. For especially vulnerable windows, install key locks. Glass block windows offer excellent security for basement windows.

Shrubbery and Lighting

- Make sure all porches and other possible entrances are well lit, with at least 40-watt bulbs. A well-lit house is far better protected than a house without lights.
- Overgrown bushes, tree limbs, or landscaping can provide cover for burglars. Trim them to the height of porches or windows.

Other Tips

- Always lock up ladders and tools. Don't give a burglar the resources to break into your home.
- If you have recently purchased a television, stereo equipment, or other household items, do not throw the empty boxes in the alley garbage. This is a sure sign and strong temptation for burglars.
- Turn the ringer on the telephone down low. If a burglar is around, he won't be alerted to your absence by a ringing phone.
- If you are out during the day or on vacation, use an automatic timer to turn on lights and a radio at different times of the day. It is an easy way to disguise the fact that you aren't home.
- Have a trusted neighbor pick up your mail and newspapers every day while you are on vacation. Have a neighbor use your garbage cans occasionally. During the winter, arrange to have snow shoveled.

HELP HELP HELP

Today's lifestyles keep everyone on the go. People of all ages have tight schedules with little, if any, free time. Unfortunately, rushing to keep a schedule often creates bad driving habits. Speed limits and stop signs exist to protect drivers, pedestrians, school children and property owners.

DON'T LET YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE MAKE YOU A POOR DRIVER

SPRING SHOWERS BRING SLICK STREETS

With spring upon us, rainfall will inevitably increase, as the warmer weather brings rain instead of snow. Although both weather systems create hazardous conditions, warmer wet roads bring special dangers. The initial sprinkle of rain creates a slicker surface due to the separation of water and oil build up on the street. It is at this point that drivers should be especially careful and realize that it will take longer to stop, even with anti-lock brakes.

The extreme of water and oil buildup on streets is *hydroplaning*. This condition occurs at higher speeds during heavy rains or where standing water exists. Traction is greatly reduced as water builds up under the tire, making any driving maneuver difficult to execute. Other hazards include hidden potholes, large debris, glass, and elevated sewers. As always, drivers should resume speed in inclement weather and be conscious of potential road hazards. Additionally, drivers are reminded Illinois Law mandates that headlights be turned on whenever windshield wipers are used.

PROTECT YOUR CAR — B.A.T. PROGRAM

In January 1995, the Secretary of State, under 625 ILCS 5/14-109 was mandated to implement a motor vehicle theft prevention program. Through a joint effort with the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council, the concept of the B.A.T. (Beat Auto Theft) Program was developed.

The focus of the B.A.T. Program is directed towards vehicles that are not normally operated between 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. B.A.T. is a decal program whereby motorists register their vehicles with the Secretary of States Office and receive a decal to place in the rear window. These decals authorize law enforcement to stop a vehicle displaying a bat decal between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m., to ascertain ownership of such vehicle.

Presently there has been over 3,300 decals issued throughout the state. To obtain greater participation in the program, the Motor Vehicle Theft Prevention Council and the Secretary of State's Office have waived the "One-time" fee of $5.00 until January 1, 1999. Should you wish to obtain applications for the program or would simply like further information, please do not hesitate to contact our Police Department at 499-7720.

District News . . .

DIST. 1 — Cy Holesha

It's that beautiful time of the year when our thoughts turn to all of the activities associated with leisure time and warm weather.

Probably the most frequently asked question I hear relates to the availability of the Centennial Pool at 93rd Street and Nashville. Many residents, mainly newly relocated, are unaware of the existence of this pool due to its hidden location and because of a lack of signs. While it has been an on-again off-again decision for the past several years, at present it is the intention of the Park District Board to have this pool open for the 1998 season.

Originally, the decision to close for 1998, was motivated by the lack of financial resources. But a knight in shining armor, namely the Parks Foundation, has come up with a plan to help subsidize the venture for this year.

If this pool is to remain open year after year, it is most important to have the support from the residents, not only from the immediate area, but from the entire Village. This is a great facility worth of your involvement and regular use. Good Swimming for 1998!

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SAYRE AVE.
88TH PL.
MAJOR
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VILLAGE BOUNDARY
90TH STREET
93RD STREET
AUSTIN AVE.
HARLEM AVE.
94TH STREET
VILLAGE BOUNDARY
VILLAGE BOUNDARY
95TH ST

CLERK'S CORNER — Jayne Powers

Did you know . . .

- Farmers Market opens Wednesday, June 24th at 7:00 a.m. **Dotsie the clown will be there to paint faces from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.** Farmers Market continues every Wednesday thru October 14th from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Permanent handicapped parking placards can no longer be issued by the Clerk's office. Permanent placards will be issued only by the Secretary of State from the central office in Springfield.
- The Village Clerk's Office is limited to issuing a temporary 90 day handicapped parking permit. Temporary placards are also available at Driver's License facilities. The fine in Oak Lawn for violation of handicapped parking signs is $150.
- Warmer weather brings out solicitors. Before opening your door, be certain the solicitor is wearing a badge approved by the Oak Lawn Police Department. If suspicious, please call the police at 422-8292.

DIST. 2 — Ron Stancik

As you can see by much new development throughout our Village, we have entered into a period of refinement of the existing while venturing into many new beginnings.

Most, if not all, of the new directions considered by the Village Board require an enormous amount of review and scrutiny. These reviews, on our part, are done months if not years before ever being presented directly in petition form to the affected and interested residents. As a result of our early knowledge and ultimate satisfaction of these projects, I feel that we have not taken the same effort to make clear presentations to the residents most affected by a given project.

To present the clearest information to our constituents, I have asked our staff to develop a more "user friendly" method when making petition presentations before our various recommending boards and commissions. Specifically, I have asked that clear handouts be prepared, that the best public presenters be used, and that the use of effective visual aids be considered.

I am deeply indebted to my network of residents who take the time out of their busy schedules to voice their concerns on this and other Village matters. The first Saturday of the month visits at the Village Hall provide me with insights from the "street" that are invaluable. This casual forum has been both fun and rewarding. Thanks for taking the time.

87TH STREET
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90TH ST.
91ST ST.
AUSTIN AVE.
CICERO SOUTHWEST HIGHWAY
95TH STREET
95TH STREET

DIST. 3 — Bob Streit

STREET LIGHTING AND SIDEWALKS — Funding to complete the installation of streetlights and sidewalks throughout the Village was approved at the Board of Trustees meeting on March 24, 1998. The engineering work has been completed and the bidding process will begin immediately.

Ornamental lighting has been added to the commuter parking lot and is planned for the Triangle TIF District, the Oak Lawn Lake Restoration Project and the Brandt Subdivision.

The 95th Street Streetscape including eleven to fourteen foot wide sidewalks with brick pavers and ornamental lighting, is scheduled to be completed by the Fourth of July.

ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN CRITERIA — The process of establishing architectural design criteria is being undertaken by the Legal, License and Ordinance Committee. Architectural firms with expertise in the areas of urban planning and design and historic preservation have been making rather impressive proposals to establish a consistent identity for selected areas of the Village. Those areas are the 95th Street Business District, the Brandt Subdivision and 87th Street.

The concept has been so well received that it may eventually be expanded to other areas as well. All residents are encouraged to participate in the process. The Legal, License and Ordinance Committee meets on the 4th Thursday of each month in the Gilbert Auditorium of the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION — The Historic Preservation Commission has created a historic display that is being circulated to area schools. The Commissions' objective is to give our children an opportunity to become familiar with the history of our Village which creates a greater sense of community.

The Commission has also been engaged in a block-by-block survey of the Village and plans to designate several historic buildings and sites in the near future. The Historic Preservation Commission meets on the first Thursday of each month in the Rotary Room at the Oak Lawn Public Library at 7:00 p.m.

Please call me to discuss these or any other issues at 422-3600.

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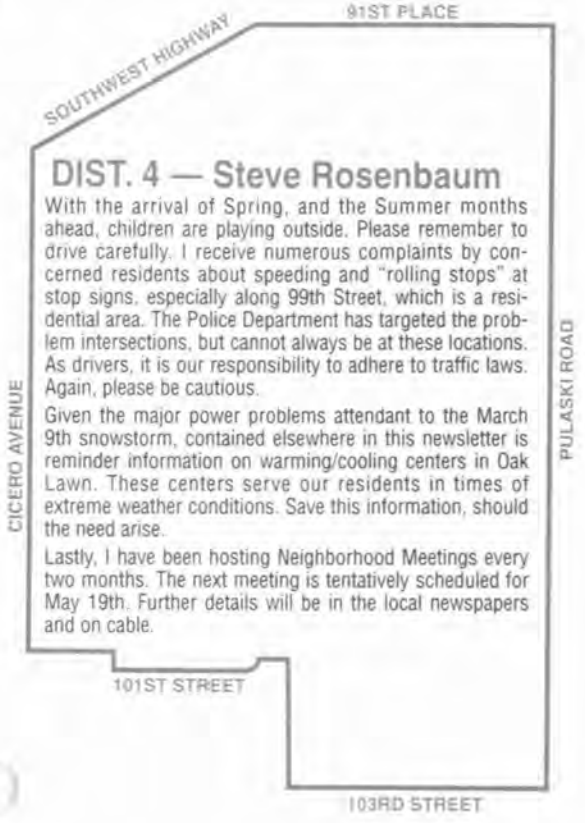
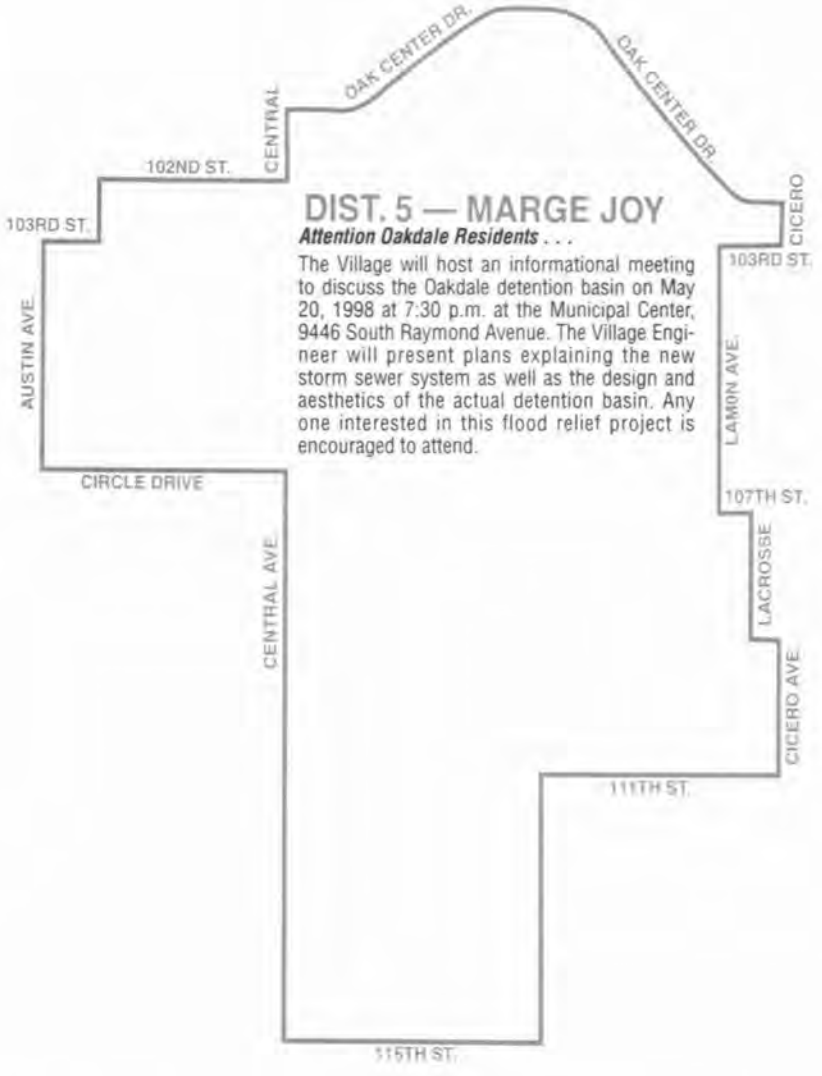


DIST. 4 — Steve Rosenbaum

With the arrival of Spring, and the Summer months ahead, children are playing outside. Please remember to drive carefully. I receive numerous complaints by concerned residents about speeding and "rolling stops" at stop signs, especially along 99th Street, which is a residential area. The Police Department has targeted the problem intersections, but cannot always be at these locations. As drivers, it is our responsibility to adhere to traffic laws. Again, please be cautious.

Given the major power problems attendant to the March 9th snowstorm, contained elsewhere in this newsletter is reminder information on warming/cooling centers in Oak Lawn. These centers serve our residents in times of extreme weather conditions. Save this information, should the need arise.

Lastly, I have been hosting Neighborhood Meetings every two months. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for May 19th. Further details will be in the local newspapers and on cable.



DIST. 5 — MARGE JOY

Attention Oakdale Residents . . .

The Village will host an informational meeting to discuss the Oakdale detention basin on May 20, 1998 at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Center, 9446 South Raymond Avenue. The Village Engineer will present plans explaining the new storm sewer system as well as the design and aesthetics of the actual detention basin. Any one interested in this flood relief project is encouraged to attend.

DIST. 6 — Bill Keane

Someone once said that Chicagoland has only two seasons: Winter and construction. Well at least we had a nice winter.

Construction — 111th Street between Pulaski and Cicero is scheduled to be completed by August 1st. The required engineering on 103rd Street will be completed this year with the actual rebuilding being done next year.

Fairfax Street will be rebuilt between Kostner and Tripp, along with Tripp from 108th to 109th Streets. Residential street upgrades are paid for using exit fee taxes when people move out of the Village.

Home Improvement — The Home Improvement Scam season is upon us, so please don't be a victim. If you are having work done on your home, please use companies that are licensed and you have called for an estimate. If someone knocks at your door and offers you a deal that sounds too good to be true . . . **IT IS.** Don't let them in and call the police.

Safety — You may have noticed our police issuing traffic tickets on our residential streets. We are committed to slowing down traffic, and strict enforcement of our speed limits is the most effective way.

Have a happy and healthy summer.

Strictly Business . . .

OAK LAWN HONORS BUSINESS IMPROVEMENTS . . .

In 1996, the Community Development Department of the Village of Oak Lawn instituted the *Business Beautification Award* to recognize outstanding achievements in improving the physical appearance of local businesses. Since that time, fourteen businesses have been the recipients of this award . . .

House of Brides
Oak Lawn Hilton
James & Son Jeweler
E-Z Car Wash
White Castle
LaSalle Bank FSB (95th Street)
Car-X Muffler (Cicero Ave.)
The Ultimate Smile Dental Office
Caldwell Banker Real Estate
Budget Car Rental
Palermos Restaurant
Jedi's Restaurant
Oak Lawn Holiday Inn
Shirey Cadillac

The awards are presented by Mayor Kolb at the monthly Chamber of Commerce Luncheon. The guidelines for nomination for the *Business Beautification Award* are as follows:

1. The work done to improve the physical appearance of the business must be significant and recent.
2. Maintenance and grounds upkeep must be adequate in all areas such as mowing, trash storage - general neatness.
3. One business per month is chosen to receive the award.
4. Only one award per year per business is allowed.

Nominations for the Business Beautification Award may be made by any Oak Lawn business person or resident. All nominations are reviewed by the Community Development Department and the Office of the Mayor.

If you would like to nominate a local business for this award, please call the **Business Hotline** at **499-7821** or write to the **Village of Oak Lawn, Attention Community Development, 9446 S. Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL 60453.**

OAK LAWN WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS

The Following Businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of October 1997 through March 1998

All Green Lawn Maintenance
Aurora Staffing
Capital Investments
Czarnik Precision Grinding & Machine, Inc.
DeJa Brew
Designs Unlimited Body Shop
Domino's Pizza (New Owner)
Elmosa Enterprises
Exclusively Jacqueline's
George's Garages & Doors
Health Force
Highland Manufacturing
Hopwerx
Jazzercise
J.D. Munch Vending Co.
Johnny's Patio
Krug's Automotive Tech
Little Joes
The Men's Warehouse
M & Y Discount
Oak Lawn Harley Davidson
Oak Lawn Photography & Video Productions
Old Kent Mortgage Co.
Payless Appliances
Senor Pancho's (New Owner)
Sweet Sensations
TCF National Bank

FRIENDS of the COMMUNITY™
HAWKINSON FORD

CAR DEALERSHIP MAKES COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT A PRIORITY

When Robert Hawkinson started Hawkinson Ford in Oak Lawn back in 1961, he began with a policy of honesty, integrity and a strong relationship with the community. That commitment to community remains strong after 37 years, embodied in the dealership's new Friends of the Community™ program.

Lisa Hawkinson, director of the program, says the goal of Friends of the Community™ is to help area schools and other non-profit organizations through the donation of time and money, as well as inviting other corporate partners to lend a hand where it's needed.

The program began last year with a landscaping project at Harnew Elementary School. Hawkinson Ford paid for labor costs on the project, and arranged for donations of plants and supplies from area landscaping companies.

Since then, the dealership has worked in partnership with both public and private schools throughout Oak Lawn, Orland Park and Evergreen Park to fulfill what Lisa calls "wish lists."

"The schools give us their wish lists of what is needed, we identify the requests we can fulfill and buy the items ourselves," she says. These donations have included items such as indoor recess games, novels, P.E. equipment, CD players, pre-school rugs and a computer. "We're going out and participating directly so we can interact with our many friends in the community."

Friends of the Community™ also has sponsored numerous school projects, including one current activity at Simmons Middle School. The program provided all the supplies for making kites in class, and in April the dealership will host a kite flying picnic for about 100 students.

At St. Gerald and St. Bernadette schools, Friends of the Community™ helped host pancake breakfast to help raise money for the school.

Lisa says she regularly reads in classrooms and speaks at career days, and schools have taken field trips to the dealership to see how a small business runs. At the high school level, Hawkinson Ford arranges "job shadowing" days for students as well as summer internships.

"We're trying to help these schools achieve broadened educational experiences for their students," Lisa says. "If we can make a difference in those students' lives, we're doing what we set out to do."

To learn more about the Friends of the Community™ program, call Lisa Hawkinson at 708-599-6000.

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6100 W. 95TH • OAK LAWN
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Summer Sounds on the Green

FREE CONCERTS

Schedule

May 16	"Little Country" — Country & Western Dance Band
June 14th	Blooze Brothers — Jake & Elwood with their band
July 19	Dick Judson — An Encore Orchestra Performance
Sept. 12 & 13	Fall-On-The Green

50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program

Tree Descriptions

Freeman Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* "Autumn Blaze" and "Morgan") – Hardy and drought tolerant, this new hybrid is said to have good potential for the mid-west. The Morton Arboretum in Lisle has some mature specimens. A fast growing tree with deep green leaves and a dazzling orange-red fall color. This tree can reach 50 - 70 feet at maturity.

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus biscolor*) – A native oak maturing at 50 - 60 feet with a broad spreading canopy. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Two examples of this species can be seen at the Village Green.

Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) – Another native oak that matures at 50 - 60 feet with a broad spreading canopy. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Many examples of this species can be seen around Parkside Ave., Brandt Ave., and 96th Street.

Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis* "Windy City") – This native is in the same family as American Elm and may resemble that classic Vase Crown at maturity. It is immune to Dutch Elm Disease. Hackberry can be identified by the "warty" appearance of the bark. It does well in urban conditions and is gaining popularity as a landscape tree. There are several mature specimens throughout Oak Lawn.

Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata* "Glenleven" and "Greenspire") – Excellent shade tree, known for its fragrant flower in June or July. Tolerates urban conditions and air pollution. This species has a pyramidal and dense canopy. Has been over planted in some areas. Lindens can be seen in the Village Green and the north parking lot of the Municipal Center.

Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioicus*) – The "ugly duckling" tree. This tree starts off very bare but within a couple years develops into a beautiful upright tree that will provide light shade. A contorted growth habit and large compound leaves makes this tough street tree unique. Male selections will be used to ensure no messy fruit problems.

Homestead Elm (*Ulmus pumila* x *U. Hollandica* x *U. carpinofolia*) – As you can see from the scientific name this tree is a complex hybrid developed to be resistant to Dutch Elm disease. This tree is more oval than the American Elm, but has similar dense dark green foliage. It's a very fast grower with a good track record as a replacement elm.

White Ash (*Fraxinus americana* "Autumn Purple") – A hardy street tree native to the area. Reaches 50 feet with an oval crown shape. This cultivar has a subdued reddish-purple fall color. This is a good substitute for over planted green ash. Examples of this tree can be seen on Raymond Avenue east of the Village Hall.

Turkish Filbert (*Corylus colurna*) – A pyramidal tree with a formal outline, this filbert thrives in hot summers and cold winters. It has dark green leaves that show little problems with scorch and other weather related diseases. This tree has a nut similar to American Filbert. It is considered a slow grower but can reach 40 - 50 feet.

Gingko (*Gingko biloba* "Princeton") – The oldest tree on the fossil record (over 150 million years old!), this tree was once native to North America and is supposed to have many medicinal properties. I like it for its shape and fall color. It's pyramidal in form with a spectacular gold-yellow fall color. It's considered a slow grower, but does well with a little TLC.

Flowering Crabapple (*Malus spp.*) – These crabs are resistant to scab, the disease that's really affected the older crabs here in the Village. They produce little to no fruit and have abundant spring flowers.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea* "Forest Prince") – This is a beautiful little tree with white spring flowers and a red/crimson fall color. The fruit is edible if you can beat the birds to them. There are several planted through the Dearborn Heights neighborhood under utility lines.

Japanese Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) – This tree is very similar to lilac hedges. It is a tree however and can reach 20 feet in height. It has creamy white flowers that bloom about the same time as other lilacs. I've heard its not as fragrant as most lilacs, but the flowers are very similar.

Hedge Maple (*Acer campestre*) – A native to Europe, this small maple can reach 35 feet. It has a very dense crown and dark green leaves. It is considered slow growing but can be pushed with proper care. Please be sure to have a second choice, because I'm not sure how many of these I'll be able to get.

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program

The Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring a 50/50 Tree Planting Program. This Village service enables residents to share the cost of parkway trees, the Village and resident each paying half the cost of the tree and tree planting. **The deadline for the fall season planting is September 1, 1998. All applications received after September 1 will be considered for the spring 1999 season.** To participate in the cost share program, please submit payment, as well as this completed form to the Village. For more information, please call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

(Please print or type all information)

Resident's Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please specify first and second choice. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed. Trees can be planted in the parkway only, between the curb and the sidewalk. Village staff will advise on appropriate locations in the parkway. Tree size is 2.5″ in diameter. **Trees are not guaranteed. Tree replacement will be at the discretion of the Village Forester.** Should overhead utilities exist along the parkway Village staff must approve the final selection of trees.

SPECIES	QUANTITY	RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Freeman Red Maple	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Swamp White Oak	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Bur Oak	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Hackberry	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Littleleaf Linden	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Kentucky Coffee Tree	_____ @	$130.00	_____
Homestead Elm	_____ @	$130.00	_____
White Ash	_____ @	$130.00	_____
Turkish Filbert	_____ @	$130.00	_____
Gingko	_____ @	$130.00	_____

The following tree species are approved for planting under utility wires.

SPECIES	QUANTITY	RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Flowering Crabapple	_____ @	$ 90.00	_____
Serviceberry	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Japanese Tree Lilac	_____ @	$115.00	_____
Hedge Maple	_____ @	$115.00	_____

Please make checks payable to the Village of Oak Lawn

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Amount Paid _____ Check _____ Cash _____

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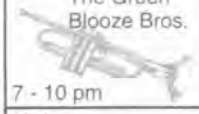
MAY, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Yard waste must be placed in containers specifically marked with yard waste stickers. Decals are available at the Village Hall. Garage Sales are permitted with the purchase of a permit from the Police Department. Posting of signs on utility poles or public property is prohibited. Branches must be cut in 4 ft. sections, tied and placed at the curb.				1	2
3	4 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	5	6 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	7 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	8	9
10	11 Business Development 7:30 pm	12 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	13	14 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	15	16 7 - 10 Country & Western Dance - On Village Green
17	18 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	19 Mental Health Bd. 8:00 pm Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	20	21 Public Works 7:30 pm	22	23
24 31	25 **MEMORIAL DAY** Park Foundation Fishing Derby Village Hall Closed	26 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	27	28 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	29	30 TRADITIONAL MEMORIAL DAY

JUNE, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Village Stickers on Sale thru August 15th Planning & Development 8:00 pm	2	3 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	4 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	5	6
7	8 Business Development 7:30 pm	9 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	10	11 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	12	13 Parks Foundation Golf Outing
14 Sounds On The Green Blooze Bros.  7 - 10 pm	15 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	16 Mental Health Bd. 8:00 pm Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	17	18 Public Works 7:30 pm	19	20 First Day of Summer
21 Fathers Day	22 PR/Cable TV/PR 7:30 pm	23 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	24 Farmers Market Opens 7 am - 2 pm	25 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30		Sprinkling Hours - 7 am to 11 am and 7 pm to 11 pm daily. Curfew for children under 18 is 11 pm Sunday thru Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday. Dogs must be leashed when off owners premises.		

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JULY, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Did you Purchase A Vehicle Sticker Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	2 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	3 Village Hall Closed	4 INDEPENDENCE DAY
5	6 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	7	8 Chamber Golf Day Farmers Market 	9 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	10	11
12	13 Business Development 7:30 pm	14 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	15 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	16 Public Works 7:30 pm	17	18
19 Dick Judson Orchestra On The Green 7-10 pm 	20 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	21 Mental Health Board 8:00 pm Env. Concerns 7:30 pm Special Events 7:30 pm	22 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	23 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	24	25
26	27 PR/Cable Tv/S.W. 7:30 pm	28 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	29 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	30	31	

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AUGUST, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FALL ON THE GREEN – Saturday, Sept. 12th and Sunday, Sept. 13th. Enjoy face painters, balloon artists, petting zoo, pony rides, a craft show, pumpkin carving and a puppet show. Saturday's entertainment: Banjo Buddies, Outcast Jazz Band, American English, Landecker & The Legends. Sunday will feature Franz Bentler and the Royal Strings, The Joe Elvis Show and the Bob Stroud & Rockestra. Relax in the beer garden and enjoy tasty snacks from a wide variety of restaurants.						1
2	3 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	4	5 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	6 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	7	8
9	10 Business Development 7:30 pm	11 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	12 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	13 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	14 Time to buy Your sticker 	15 DEADLINE FOR PURCHASE OF VEHICLE STICKERS Village Hall Open until Noon!
16 1998-99 Vehicle Sticker must be displayed $10 penalty in effect	17 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	18 Mental Health Board 8:00 pm Env. Concerns 7:30 pm Special Events 7:30 pm	19 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	20 Public Works 7:30 pm	21	22
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30	31					

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May 16th — Country & Western Concert — Village Green

May 25th — **MEMORIAL DAY** — Village Hall Closed

June 14th — **FLAG DAY** — Blooze Bros. Concert — Village Green

June 24th — Farmers Market Opens

July 3rd — Village Hall Closed

July 4th — **INDEPENDENCE DAY** — Park District Fireworks

July 19th — Dick Judson Concert — Village Green

July 30th - Aug. 2nd — Park District Family Days — Pavilion

Sept. 12th & 13th — Fall-On-The-Green — Village Green

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SUMMER HEAT ALERT

As summer time approaches, please remember temperatures in excess of 90 degrees can be very dangerous. If your home is without air conditioning on extremely hot days, you may wish to seek cooler locations. Some great ways to avoid the mid day heat is to visit the Oak Lawn Library or an afternoon movie.

In the event of a heat emergency or power outage, please call the Village at 499-7720 to find out about local cooling stations. Please remember, excessive heat can be very harmful to your health.

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Dear Friends

Last night the ten o'clock news once again was dominated by reports of death, corruption and failure. As I watched the coverage of catastrophes from around the world, I realized that most of the news we see on TV or read about in the newspapers is negative. While our Village Newsletter can never be as dramatic as the major media outlets, I am very glad that the information and stories we publish are positive.

With these thoughts in mind, I am glad to report the following good news:

1. Oak Lawn Family Days was organized by the following local service clubs: **Oak Lawn Athletic Club, Oak Lawn Police Club, Kiwanis of Oak Lawn Golden K, Good Shepherd Center, Lions Club, Raiders Social Athletic Club, Knights of Columbus, and Oak Lawn Sertoma.** Volunteers from these groups worked countless hours to provide this four day festival. Proceeds from the event will be used by these groups for a number of worthy causes.
2. Hundreds of children from our community participated in programs provided by the Westside and Oak Lawn Baseball Associations. Hundreds of parents volunteer to maintain baseball fields, work concession stands and coach or manage these children.
3. A large number of concerned citizens, supplemented by an army of boy scouts and girl scouts, recently gave up a Saturday to remove litter and debris from the Stony Creek area.

I realize these stories will never be seen on the ten o'clock news. I just thought it was important to note that many people invest countless hours doing some very good things. Thank you to all the people mentioned above and also to the many other residents of Oak Lawn who volunteer for a good cause. The people of the Village are the reason for our success.

Sincerely,

Ernie Kolb

Mayor Ernie Kolb

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Around Town . . .

OAKDALE TO RECEIVE FLOOD RELIEF

The Oakdale Subdivision will soon experience relief from historic flooding in the area. The Oakdale area was constructed in 1955-56 and is bordered by 103rd Street on the south, 52nd Avenue on the west, Cicero Avenue on the east and a jagged line at the equivalent of 101st Place/102nd Street on the north.

Thanks to a grant in the amount of $700,000 from the Illinois Emergency Management Agency, the Village was able to purchase six houses on Harnew Road South to construct a storm water detention pond. New, larger storm sewers directed into the pond will be installed in Harnew Road South, Lamb Drive, Wick Drive and Father Burns Drive. The detention basin and oversized storm sewer system are designed to contain storm run-off water, most of which currently collects in the streets and basements of homes within the area.

The purpose of the storm water detention improvements is to substantially reduce the effects of flooding within the entire subdivision. The pond area will be approximately 10´ deep at its lowest point, with a side embankment slope of 1´ vertical to 3´ horizontal, and will hold over 1 million gallons of water when full. Under normal conditions, the basin will remain dry. When rain begins to fall and the basin begins to fill, automatic pumps will slowly remove the water. Natural gas generators in the Public Works Building at 103rd Street and 52nd Avenue will provide back-up electricity should power for the pumps be lost during a storm.

The perimeter of the pond will be landscaped with trees, bushes and flowers. In addition, there will be benches and trash receptacles to create a park-like setting. Construction is scheduled to begin late summer/early fall and will be done by IHC Group of Elgin. Excavation of the pond and sewer will be completed this construction season; landscaping and final street resurfacing will commence in the spring.

DISTRICT 2 — Ron Stancik

In the past few months, our fellow residents have expressed their concerns to me about several reoccurring problems. I believe these items can be best addressed through discussion rather than Police enforcement.

1. PARKING ON OR BLOCKING A PUBLIC SIDEWALK
   I have asked our Police Department to use great discretion as many of our lots are small and don't allow enough space to park.

2. PARKING ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE STREET
   As you know, to enter or exit a parking spot on the wrong side of the street, a vehicle must drive on the wrong side of the street as well. I have seen many runners, bikers, and motorists literally "frozen in their tracks" when confronted by someone driving on the wrong side of the street unexpectedly.

3. WEEKLY TRASH PICK UP
   Monday morning is garbage day in our district. Complaint after complaint comes in about garbage placed out in front at the curb during the early hours of Sunday. Most people feel that Sunday is the most social day of the week and as such that there is no reason for friends and relatives to walk around garbage that is not going to be picked up until Monday morning.

In all cases, I prefer that warnings of these violations be issued before tickets are written. Thank you for your frequent input.

DISTRICT 4 — Steve Rosenbaum

Residents of the 4th District are invited to attend a "Town Hall Neighborhood Meeting" on Tuesday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m. at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Avenue. The meeting will be hosted by Trustee Steve Rosenbaum. There will be a presentation on current Village activities and a question, answer and suggestion period following the formal remarks.

GOOD IDEA — From Officer Claude Weinert O.L.P.D.

Business & Residential Property Owners

If you have an alley, place your address at the rear of your property so that it can readily be identified by the police or fire department in case of an emergency.

OAK LAWN COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP COUNCIL

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership Council is a cooperative alliance between the Village of Oak Lawn and Christ Hospital and Medical Center. This council is composed of community members from all walks of life and includes Oak Lawn business representatives as well. The council was formed in 1996 with the purpose of creating synergistic relationships within the community. We are currently developing programs to make the community a more desirable, safer, and healthier place in which to live. Our goals are to address issues of health and wellness within the community and to assist local governmental bodies in planning for future wellness initiatives.

Current issues that are being addressed include youth and senior issues, diversity, health and wellness, communication and social issues. We recently hosted our Second Annual Community Wellness Day at Oak Lawn Community High School and we are planning a Fitness Fair at the high school in the Spring of 1999. We will continue to pass along information about our initiatives in this newsletter and we also hope to have information at many upcoming Village events including the Labor Day Celebration and Fall on the Green.

If you would like to become a member of the Oak Lawn Community Partnership Council, please contact our Chair, Jim Craig at 424-5323 or Peggy Daudell, at Christ Hospital and Medical Center, at 346-3289. We are looking for Community members that are willing to devote a few hours a month to help make our community a better place for us all!

CHRIST HOSPITAL TO EXPAND PARKING . . .

Christ Hospital, Oak Lawn's largest employer is expanding parking facilities for their staff, patients and visitors.

The parking expansion will encompass the west side of Kilbourn Avenue from 98th Street to the Paragon Restaurant.

The Southeast corner of 93rd & Kilbourn will also become available for parking. The new lots will provide up to 400 additional parking spaces for the hospital. All of the lots will be well lighted and staffed 14 hours per day with security personnel according to Christ Hospital resources.

Attractive landscaping and trees and bushes will soften the area on all mandatory setbacks. Six foot masonry walls will protect the residential area to the west of the parking lots.

Christ Hospital has instituted a "good neighbor" policy to make the transition of the neighborhood as smooth as possible. The project is currently underway and completion will be sometime in late 1999.

CORPORATE FUNDING PROVIDES RIDES TO SENIORS

Three programs in need of drivers, offers flexibility

With the help of funding from The American Business Collaboration, PLOWS Council on Aging utilizes private drivers to meet the growing transportation needs of seniors in the Southwest Suburban area. Elderly persons are sometimes too disabled to use the local minibus services and often need the one-to-one attention of a personal escort. This program services the community as well as employed care givers of seven major corporations. The participating corporations are Amoco, AT&T, Bank of America, Citibank, GE Capital, IBM, Lucent Technologies and Xerox. Employees of these companies are able to avoid unnecessary absences from work by encouraging elderly relatives to call PLOWS for this alternative.

Volunteers from the community are essential to both the Escort Transportation Program as well as for PLOWS Home Delivered Meals. Both programs utilize the services of volunteer drivers who are not paid except for their expenses. If senior clients need a driver for personal errands, they are referred to a listing of Registered Drivers. These drivers operate independently and charge a fee for their time. Unlike the escort program, multiple stops are permitted and recreational opportunities are possible for otherwise isolated individuals. Caring, responsible drivers are always in need for these worthwhile services, even if availability is only occasional. For more information, Call Peggy Dixon at 708-422-6722.

Strictly Business . . .

September 12 and 13 means ***"Fall on the Green"***. Preparations are underway and bands and entertainment have been signed up for our third year of this fun-filled FREE event.

Fall on the Green is FREE because of the sponsorship of our fine businesses in the Village of Oak Lawn . . .

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Concerts

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FALL ON THE GREEN

SATURDAY SEPT. 12

Music • Food • Games • Crafts • Beverages

SUNDAY SEPT. 13

Games

11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

BALLOON TYPHOON
MOON WALK
MINI STRIKER
HI STRIKER
HUMAN BOWLING
ELASTARUN
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AEROSPIN
MONEY MACHINE
VELCRO OBSTACLE COURSE

12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

PETTING ZOO
PONY RIDES

Face Painters

CINDY	11:00-5:00 p.m.
BETTY	12:00-6:00 p.m.
DOTSIE	12:00-6:00 p.m.
ROSIE	1:00-7:00 p.m.

Food Court

PALERMO'S RESTAURANT
Pizza

MILLIE'S ICE CREAM SHOPPE
Ice cream cones, pastries, coffee, iced cappacino, hot chocolate

CATERING BY COOKIE
Elephant ears, coffee, iced tea, lemonade

RALPH'S CATERING
Usinger brats and hot dogs, fries, soda

GOURMET DELIGHTS
Lemonade, o.j., bottled water, soda, grilled chicken on pita, Philly cheesesteak, corn on cob, curly fries, bloomin' onion and funnel cakes

OAK LAWN PARKS FOUNDATION
Hot dogs, brats, soft drinks, taffy apples

CREATIVE COOKING
Boneless pork chops, steak on pita, chicken breast on bun, fries, soft hot pretzels, assorted beverages

GINO'S EAST
Pizza

GOAL POST
Irish sausage with French Fries, Buffalo wings with BBQ sauce, corned beef sandwich with chips

SUNSHINE SHAVED ICE
Flavored ice

B&B POPCORN
Hamburgers, Italian sausage, Polish sausage, corn dogs

RUM THAI RESTAURANT
Egg roll, pot stickers, ginger chicken basil chicken

PATSBY'S
BBQ ribs, BBQ rib sandwich

DURBIN'S
Italian beef and sausage

MALT SHOPPE
Ice cream creations

Crafts and Booths

Craft Show — See Map

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ENTERTAINMENT

Saturday Main Stage

12:30-1:00 p.m.
OAK LAWN COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL BAND

1:30-3:00 p.m
BANJO BUDDIES

3:30-5:00 p.m
OUTCAST JAZZ BAND

6:00-7:30 p.m
AMERICAN ENGLISH

8:30-10:00 p.m.
LANDECKER & LEGENDS

SUPERHERO STUNT SHOW
(a show every hour)

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES

Beer Garden

Saturday
Hurricane Gumbo

Sunday
Network

Raffle
Large Screen TV

Sunday Main Stage

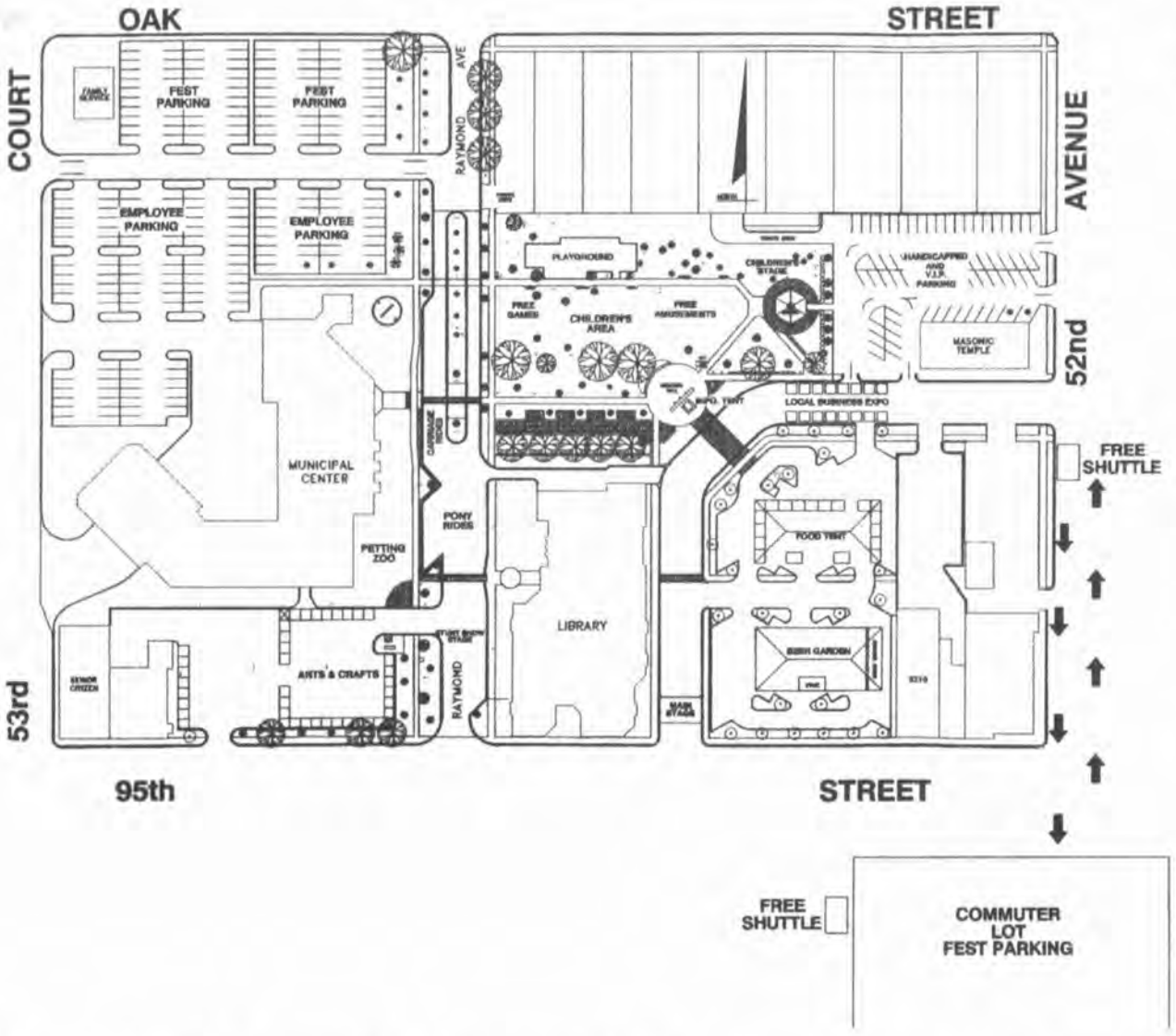
2:00-5:00 p.m.
FRANZ BENTELER
ROYAL STRINGS

6:00-7:30 p.m
THE JOE ELVIS SHOW
(6 Musicians)

8:00-9:30 p.m
BOB STROUD &
ROCKESTRA

SUPERHERO STUNT SHOW
(a show every hour)

HORSE & CARRIAGE RIDES



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Lost children will be taken to the information booth. Visitors can also claim or report their lost articles at the information booth.

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Souvenir "Fall on the Green" shirts and hats are available at the information booth.

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SEPTEMBER, 1998

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OCTOBER, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
➪ Leaf Bag Sale — October 13th thru November 25th. Leaf bags are picked up on your regular garbage day. ➪ If you have moved, changed your name or will be 18 on or before November 3rd, register to vote in the Clerk's office or a driver's license facility.				1 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	2	3 Voter Registration in Clerk's Office 9:00 am to Noon
4	5 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	6 Voter Registration Closes at 5:00 pm	7 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	8 Quality Control 7:30 pm	9	10
11	12 **COLUMBUS DAY** Village Hall Closed	13 **Leaf Bags Go On Sale** Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	14 Last Day of Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2:00 pm	15 Public Works 7:30 pm	16	17
18	19 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	20 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	21	22 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	23	24 Time to Check the Battery in your Smoke Detector
25 **Turn the Clock Back!**	26 PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	27 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	28	29	30	31 **HALLOWEEN** Trick or Treat wear reflective clothes travel in groups or with an adult – don't eat candy until checked by an adult.

NOVEMBER, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	3 ELECTION DAY	4 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	5 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Business Development 7:30 pm	10 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	11 VETERAN'S DAY 11:00 a.m. Memorial Service @ Monument Village Hall Closed	12 Quality Control 7:30 pm	13	14
15	16 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	17 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	18	19 Public Works 7:30 pm	20	21
22 HOLIDAY PARADE 1:00 p.m.	23 PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	24 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	25	26 THANKSGIVING DAY	27 Village Hall Closed	28
29	30 Last Day for Leaf Bag and Yard Waste Pick-Up	✻ The Oak Lawn Holiday Parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and the Village Special Events Commission begins at 1 p.m. on 95th Street on Nov. 22nd and then ✻ Visit with Santa Claus, enjoy a Balloon Artist and a Magician and warm up with hot chocolate and cookies on the Village Green, 95th & Cook Ave. ✻ Leaf Bag pickup ends November 30th.				

DECEMBER, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
✻ Cars must not be parked in the street once 1" of snow has fallen until the street has been cleared of snow. ✻ A snow removal emergency exists when snow falls @ 1" per hour and accumulates to 4" or more.		1	2 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	3 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	4	5
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27	28 PR/Cable TV/ Solid Waste 7:30 pm	29	30	31 Village Hall Closed	✻ Christmas trees will be picked up on your regular garbage day the first two weeks of January. ✻ Snow removed from your property must not be shoveled into the street.	

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Sept. 7	—	LABOR DAY — Village Hall Closed
Sept. 12-13	—	FALL ON THE GREEN FESTIVAL Village Green
Oct. 2-3	—	Grand Re-Opening of 95th Street
Oct. 6	—	Last Day To Register To Vote
Oct. 12	—	COLUMBUS DAY Village Hall Closed
Nov. 3	—	ELECTION DAY
Nov. 22	—	HOLIDAY PARADE — 1:00 p.m.
Nov. 26-27	—	Village Hall Closed
Dec. 24-25	—	CHRISTMAS — Village Hall Closed
Dec. 31-Jan. 1	—	NEW YEAR — Village Hall Closed

Button, Button — What does it do?

The busy intersections throughout the Village are sometimes very frustrating for pedestrians. The traffic seems to flow forever and the *"Don't Walk"* signal you are staring at appears to be painted on. You reach over and punch the button attached to the signal expecting this action to trigger a quick light change to stop traffic and allow you to cross the street. Unfortunately, nothing happens. The button you have pushed does not change the signal. Why is it there? What does it actually do?

The button will allow you more time to cross the busy intersection. The *"Walk"* sign will stay lit longer and the red light for cross traffic will remain for a longer period. So remember, pressing the button **does not** change the signal. It **does** lengthen the amount of time you have to cross the street.

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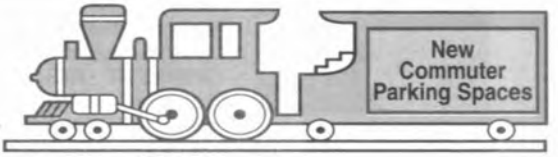

District

MAYOR'S MESSAGE — Ernie Kolb

As 1997 comes to an end, we have much to marvel at here in Oak Lawn.

On the southeast corner of 95th and 52nd Avenue, construction is now underway on an exciting commercial development. This area, known as the Triangle T.I.F. District has been planned for several years. By next spring, a two-story Harris Bank facility, complete with a clock tower, will open for business. Next door to the bank several small retailers, including Schlotsky's Deli and Starbucks Coffee, will also begin operations.

On the northwest corner of 95th and Melvina, construction is also underway. This large parcel which once was a trailer park is quickly becoming a First American Bank, a Pet Care Superstore and an upscale condominium development almost on the same schedule as 95th and 52nd Avenue. These new additions should be completed next spring.

Speaking of spring, the Village is very excited about the streetscape improvements which will be installed on 95th Street from 51st Avenue to 54th Avenue. This major economic development program includes new parking lots, wider sidewalks, ornamental lighting and other amenities designed to beautify our central business district.

Good news from Cook County . . . Central Avenue from 87th Street to 99th Street will be completely rebuilt over the next two years. This county project has been delayed for over five years, but will finally begin in the spring of 1998. This improvement is desperately needed.

In closing, on behalf of all of us at the Village Hall, I wish you happy holidays and a joyous and prosperous New year.

DISTRICT 1 — Trustee Cy Holesha

We are happy to report that this summer's installation of new sidewalks has been successfully completed and that from all indications gratefully welcomed by the residents. Thank you for your understanding and patience while enduring the inconveniences accompanying improvements of this nature.

It's that time of the year again, when we cautiously anticipate the effects of the winter season. It is SNOW TIME 1997-98. With this in mind, we want to remind you that it would be greatly appreciated if cars would be removed from residential side streets when necessary, to permit plowing to be completed. It is especially important for "all" to observe the "Snow Route" posted streets, which handle a larger volume of traffic. We thank you all for your cooperation in this important matter.

Lastly, we would encourage all able-bodied people, to assist those who are unable to remove the snow from their walks and driveways, due to age, disability or being temporarily incapacitated. This would be a great community service for our youth to perform.

From "Our House" to "Yours" we wish you a very Happy Holiday Season.

DISTRICT 3 — Trustee Bob Streit

Have you ever wondered why some communities have a distinct architectural theme? Why some communities have buildings that have a great deal of character?

Many towns have expanded the concept of urban planning to include specific requirements of architectural criteria for new construction and comprehensive remodeling. The Village of Homewood created the Facade Improvement Program in the Central Business District. The Village of Dowers Grove established an Appearance Code for their Business District as well. The Village of Oak Lawn is currently considering these concepts, targeting several specific areas.

The commercial district in the center of town may include a facade program in which an architectural firm creates a theme for our storefronts that will be consistent with our new streetscape.

One of the most obvious needs for architectural design criteria is in the area of multi-family housing. Many developers have been building "battleship condos" which are devoid of character and actually reduce the quality of housing stock in Oak Lawn. There is also a need to establish architectural design criteria in our single family home districts. Currently, there is no ordinance that would protect our neighborhoods from developers that will build homes that don't fit in with the style of the area. The Village of Oak Lawn may target the Brandt Subdivision to protect the historic character of the area.

High quality construction with an emphasis on architecture is essential to the long term economic stability and vitality of our community. Special architectural design criteria will ensure that, while each building in our community would have unique character, there would be a harmonious architectural theme as a standard throughout the Village.

To participate in this decision, residents are encouraged to attend the Legal, License & Ordinance Committee meetings, generally held on the fourth Thursday of each month at the Village Hall at 7:30 p.m.

DISTRICT 5 — Trustee Marge Joy

FOCUS ON YOUTH — Oak Lawn is a community that is concerned and committed to fostering a safe, secure and healthy environment for families. With a focus on children and young people, three sessions have been scheduled to address issues, programs and services relating to young people. Topics and dates for the sessions are as follows:

WEDNESDAY - FEBRUARY 18TH - 7:30 P.M. — Mr. Gene Wesolowski, Director of Family Services, will discuss the needs and developmental stages of adolescents. Coping mechanisms and understanding your adolescent will be addressed. He will also explain services and programs that are provided to assist young adults in their transition from childhood to adult. Even our strongest families are now being challenged due to changing values in our society.

WEDNESDAY - MARCH 18TH - 7:30 P.M. — An **Awareness and Gang Prevention Program** will be presented by officers from the Oak Lawn Police Department. Our officers have been trained and are most knowledgeable about gang activity which is challenging every suburb. Attend the session and learn what to look for and what you can do to prevent gang activity in Oak Lawn.

WEDNESDAY - APRIL 15TH - 7:30 P.M. — Officers Bob Foster and Jim Pacetti will describe the newly implemented **Peer Jury Program** and its impact on young adults. Students from 13 to 17 years of age volunteer to participate as members of the Peer Jury and are trained to render decisions of service to their peers. This session is open to adults and students who are interested in learning more about Peer Jury.

In addition, the officers will review the **DARE PROGRAM**, offered to students in the middle grades and the **EDGE PROGRAM**, given to students in Junior High.

All programs will take place in the Municipal Center Auditorium at 9446 S. Raymond at 7:30 p.m. and will conclude by 9:00 p.m. We encourage residents to attend and learn more about community resources and services that will assist our children and young people to become responsible citizens and encourage their participation in rendering service to their community.

News

CLERK'S CORNER — Jayne Powers

You Should Know

- There is a **Primary Election on Tuesday, March 17, 1998** with candidates for federal, state, county and judicial offices vying for the nomination.
- The last day to register to vote in the primary election is **Tuesday, February 17th.** Voter registration reopens two days after an election.
- The polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- You may vote absentee in the Clerk's Office if you will be absent from the county or a judge of election. First day for absentee voting is February 23rd.
- Applications to vote by mail may be obtained from the Clerk's Office beginning February 5th.
- If you have moved or changed your name, you must register to vote in person in the Clerk's Office or a Driver's License Facility.
- If you will be 18 years of age on or before March 17th, you may register to vote anytime before the deadline.

You Should Remember

- Handicapped Parking Fine is $150.
- Parking over a sidewalk is prohibited and will warrant a ticket.
- Snow removed from your property must not be shoveled into the street.
- Cars should not be parked in the street once 1" of snow has fallen until the street has been cleared.
- A snow removal emergency exists when snow falls at 1" per hour and accumulates to 4" or more; no vehicle shall be parked on any street.
- Illegally parked or abandoned vehicles are subject to towing at the owner's expense, in addition to being ticketed.

DISTRICT 2 — Trustee Ron Stancik

I have been monitoring the quality of cable TV service in our Village because of numerous outages of service and because of what appears to be a lack of communication between their customer services department and the people writing letters of audit to collect additional revenues for various cable packages cancelled or not ordered.

To that end, I have asked our municipal attorney to research the possibility of amending our cable agreements to provide credits or rebates for service outages. I would like to see every outage period documented and credited against the monthly bill which is based on continuous service.

Some of the finest ideas and suggestions that I receive come from your communication with me. Once again I encourage you to take the time to call, E-mail, write or meet with me on the first Saturday of the month between 9:00 a.m. and noon at the Village Hall.

DISTRICT 4 — Trustee Steve Rosenbaum

As we enter 1998, we can look back upon 1997 as a foundation year. The regular meetings held with the residents of the 4th District generated many productive ideas and provided great insight into the needs of our community and, specifically, the 4th District.

As one practical example, we worked with residents of the District and the Administration of Brother Rice High School to address parking concerns. While a permanent solution has yet to be reached, strides have been made to alleviate the problem at selected locations. Continued efforts will be expended to address this matter.

As a Board member, I look forward to 1998 as a tremendous opportunity to work with my colleagues in both enhancing our business climate and identifying the most efficient methods in delivering services within Oak Lawn. The projects which began, or came on-stream, in 1997, should provide great impetus for future success.

Again, your input is sought on any items pertaining to Village activities. You are invited to attend the next 4th District Meeting on January 20th at 7:30 p.m. (The location will be announced on cable and in the local newspapers).

May 1998 be a healthy and prosperous New Year!

DISTRICT 6 — Trustee Bill Keane

Construction — By the time you receive this newsletter the north half of 111th St. will be opened for traffic. The street lights will be erected during the winter months, and the parkway along "little 111th St." will be landscaped in the spring. This parkway will receive 17 new trees spaced every 40 feet. They will include 8 Silver Linden, 6 Homestead Elm, and 3 White Ash.

On the other end of our district the County will be completing the necessary engineering on 103rd St. next summer with the actual rebuilding being done in the summer of 1999.

Phone Calls — It seems that everyone who calls me with a problem or a complaint starts the conversation apologizing for calling me at home. Don't apologize . . . it's the only way to reach me, and I want to hear your concerns and attempt to help you if I can.

Most of the calls I receive have to do with traffic. Many people have the attitude that traffic regulations such as speed limits and stop signs apply to everyone else but them. As such we have quite a few accidents on our residential streets.

So join me, and make a New Years Resolution to slow down, at least in our neighborhood.

SPECIAL NOTE — To all the people who park in St. Catherine's south lot on Sat. and Sunday, Kedvale Ave. is one way going north from 107th St. to 105th St. To exit the parking lot onto 107th Street you must use the drive east of the rectory.

I am planning on having a neighborhood meeting in February. The date, time, and place will be published in the local papers and on cable.

I wish you all a safe and joyful holiday season.

Around Town

ATTENTION COMMUTERS

Several residents on the Commuter Parking Permit waiting list have expressed their concern that they cannot get a quarterly permit yet there are several empty spaces each day. In response to their concern, the Village conducted a survey with the last quarterly permit renewal. The results of the survey indicated that a number of permit holders only commuted periodically. However, they retained their permit due to the limited number of daily pay spaces.

In response to the survey results, the Village will be adding 40 daily pay parking spaces effective January 1, 1998. The two far west parking lanes off Tulley Avenue will be converted from permit only parking to daily pay parking. Current permit holders will not lose their permit. We are requesting that all permit holders consider utilizing the daily pay spaces beginning January 1st and not renew their quarterly permit. During the month of January we will be monitoring the number of empty spaces. We will issue new permits as they become available to the next individuals on the waiting list.

Permit parking will still be available at the following locations:

1. All parking lanes in the lot except the far east lane and the two far west lanes.
2. On 96th Street between Cook Avenue and 52nd Avenue.
3. On Yourell Drive between 52nd Avenue and 53rd Avenue.
4. On Columbus Drive between Sproat Avenue and 51st Avenue.
5. The Pilgrim Faith Church lot located just north of Columbus Drive on 51st Avenue.

VOLUNTEER INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE OFFERED AT SENIOR CENTER

The Oak Lawn Senior Center is offering income tax service for senior residents 60 years or older.

Volunteers trained by the IRS will be available to prepare simple income tax forms for 1997.

Once you have received all the official and financial statements for Federal and State Income Tax, you may call the Center at 499-0240 to arrange for an appointment.

Before you call for your appointment, be sure to have the following documents.

1. Medical receipts in proper and organized order so we will know what portion was reimbursed by insurance.
2. Dividend and interest statements.
3. Tax forms mailed to you – Federal and State.
4. Last year's tax return.
5. Real Estate property tax bill for 1997.
6. Social Security Statement.

Appointment will be available starting January 26th.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION FORMED

The newly formed commission held its first meeting in January of this year. The members of the commission are Calvin Scott, Chairman, Brian Kelly, Michelle Moses, Betty O'Rourke, Pam Sarpalius and Mary Ellen Tinnman. The Village of Oak Lawn Liaison is Jim Webb who is the Community Development Director. Bob Streit is the Village Trustee representative.

The commission was formed with several purposes that include, identifying historic buildings and areas within the Village boundaries and planning programs to educate the children and residents of Oak Lawn.

You may have seen the commission booth at "Fall On the Green." Photos were displayed of historic buildings and events from the history of the Village. A sign up sheet for volunteers was also at the booth and the commissioners were pleased to see that there was an interest from the Village populous.

The commission meets the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and the public is welcome to attend.

COMMEMORATIVE BRICKS FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Commemorative bricks make a very unique gift for the Holidays. Certificates of purchase are now available. These certificates can be presented to your family and friends notifying them of your special purchase. Please request a certificate from the cashiers at the Municipal Center at the time of purchase.

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"FALL ON THE GREEN FESTIVAL"

What combines warm sunny days, cool clear evenings, great entertainment, rides and games, and provides it FREE?? Oak Lawn's "Fall on the Green" Festival, that's what. This year's festival was the best yet. John Landecker & the Legends had the crowds dancing in the street on Saturday night, and Franz Benteler and the Royal Strings relaxed and serenaded the Sunday evening audience.

Both days crowd was distinctly Oak Lawn. People commented on how nice it was to see old neighbors, watch the children play, enjoy the music, and the beautiful day, the park, and best of all it was free thanks to our wonderful corporate sponsors . . . the businesses of Oak Lawn.

CHRISTMAS PARADE/SANTA ON THE GREEN LOVE LIGHTS A TREE

Sunday, Nov. 22, dawn: 13 degrees and clear . . . forecast warming to 30 frosty degrees with clear sunny skies . . . A picture perfect day for a parade. Starting at Oak Lawn High School and working its way east on 95th St., the Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce 5th annual holiday parade kicked off at 1:30 with the wailing of fire engine sirens. This years parade was the biggest we have had with 75 entries marching by the reviewing stand. The parade ended at the Village Green with children visiting Santa in the gazebo and enjoying hot chocolate, cookies, and candy canes. Music and song was provided by the Oak Lawn Carolers, Oak Lawn High School, and the Covington grade school choir. The day ended with the "Love lights a tree" ceremony benefiting the cancer society.

In a few weeks our park will take a much needed rest, probably under a blanket of snow, and await the first event of '98.

Trees – ComEd/Oak Lawn Agreement

COOPERATIVE MUNICIPAL TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM (CMTR)

Trees located under overhead utility lines such as electric, telephone, and cable are pruned by the utility company to obtain clearance from the wires for proper service and wire maintenance. The most active utility with regards to tree pruning has been Commonwealth Edison (ComEd). To limit occurrences of tree caused interruptions in electrical service, ComEd's general guidelines call for ample clearance between tree branches and wires. Consequently, trees with large mature heights and crown area located under or near utility lines will have misshaped crowns.

Since removal of all public trees with misshaped crowns is neither practical nor warranted, the Forestry Division in Oak Lawn is inventorying all parkway trees. Information is being gathered which will allow the Forestry Division to identify and prioritize potential removal situation.

Coupled with the tree removal part of the CMTR Program, ComEd is promoting the proper selection and planting of trees under utility wires by reimbursing a municipality for half the cost of supplying and planting a shorter growing tree. A few examples of trees with short mature heights include crabapples, tree lilacs, serviceberries, and dwarf maples. The replacement tree can be planted at or near the same location as the removed tree.

Because of budget limitations, as well as aesthetics, the number of parkway trees located under powerlines, and those trees removed because of severe crown disfigurement will not exceed 30 in any given year. The following are steps the Forestry Division will take to implement the CMTR Program.

COOPERATIVE MUNICIPAL TREE REPLACEMENT PROGRAM STEPS

- Identify and record on the tree inventory which trees are under wires, their crown and health conditions.
- Select those trees with the worst shape and health condition.
- Review all trees with ComEd representative to determine if the trees qualify for the CMTR Program.
- Compile a list of all possible removals by location, including the cause for removal, for all interested parties.
- Send residents letters regarding the Forestry Division's intentions and ComEd's participation; include a return form for their signature listing their approval or disapproval of the program; include a return form to indicate a preference for a particular replacement tree species from an applicable list.
- If resident disapproves of program, meet with them regarding the need for tree removal and ComEd's participation.
- Organize with ComEd a removal date.
- ComEd cuts and removes brush, larger logs available to interested parties or disposed of by the Village.
- Village grinds stump, removes debris and fills hole with black dirt.
- Plant appropriate smaller growing species during next planting season.
- Reimbursement to Village by ComEd for half the cost of tree supply and planting.

Strictly Business

GROUND BROKEN ON BANK SITE

The property at the corner of 52nd Avenue and 95th Street is on its way to becoming a bustling commercial center.

The 2.9 acre parcel of land in downtown Oak Lawn will become the new home of Harris Bank and an upscale strip mall. Harris Bank officials have submitted plans for their new building and grounds with the intent of breaking ground prior to the onset of winter weather and a completion date of Spring 1998. The 8,760 square foot site will host a comprehensive landscaping plan and a tasteful two story red brick and limestone building.

The building will be set back from 95th Street with parking in front and five drive-up lanes. The focal point of the structure will be a traditional clock tower.

The Mill Creek Development strip mall has broken ground and will also be completed in the Spring of 1998. The 13,000 square foot shopping complex will feature upscale businesses such as Scholotzsky's Deli and Seattle-based Starbuck's coffee.

STREETSCAPE ON TARGET

The renaissance of the heart of Oak Lawn will continue with the revival of the four block strip between the Metra rail tracks and 54th Avenue on 95th Street beginning in the Spring of 1998. At this time the Village will begin a $1.5 million dollar project to widen the sidewalks from 6 feet to 11 feet, install ornamental lighting and decorate the area with flowers and trees.

Ultimately the Village Downtown areas will feature colorful, arching facades, two new shopping areas and a new Harris Bank.

The streetscape project is the next step in the beautification of the downtown area. The $300,000 renovation of the Metra Station and the construction of the Village Green kicked off the downtown revival.

The year old Village Green has become a magnet for Oak Lawn's downtown area, drawing thousands to festivals and band concerts.

BUSINESS STUDY UNDERWAY

The Village of Oak Lawn Community Development Department and Trinity Christian College business students are gathering information to identify all types of businesses in Oak Lawn and project possible new businesses and services needed for the future. The semester long project, in conjunction with the new Comprehensive Plan will provide an essential tool for the Village in long range planning projects. The study will be completed in early Spring of 1998.

BUSINESS QUESTIONS???

For more information on business in Oak Lawn, please contact the Village Business Hotline at 708-499-7821.

OAK LAWN WELCOMES NEW BUSINESS

The Following Businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of June through October 1997

Al Mahjar Food Mart
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Angie's Dolls
Anrex Health Services
Archer Electronics
Bad Idea Books
Baskins Robbins
Chapel Hills Gardens Co.
Discovery Clothing
Dollar Empire Plus
Extra Value D/B/N Crupa, Inc.
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Public Safety . . .

SHOPPING IDEAS FROM CHIEF MORAN

Looking for a novel gift that says you really care? The Oak Lawn Fire Department suggests you consider smoke detectors, CO detectors and portable fire extinguishers as gifts to family and friend. In addition to providing an interesting gift, these items can save lives.

When shopping for a smoke detector, always look for the UL label. It takes only a screwdriver and a stool to install most detectors. In fact, install the detector as part of your thoughtful gift to insure it is put up immediately. Detectors should be placed outside sleeping areas between the bedroom and the rest of the house. They should be located on the ceiling, away from walls, corners and air ducts and remember that smoke detectors don't last forever. A good rule of thumb is to replace them every ten years. Additional detectors should be installed in separate sleeping areas or to protect against garage and basement fires. The Oak Lawn Fire Department can provide details on the best location for detectors in your home.

In several instances, smoke detectors given as holiday gifts have saved lives in the first few days. Even detectors still packed in their boxes under the Christmas tree have sounded in fires, saving their surprised new owners from holiday fires.

When purchasing fire extinguishers, get an ABC multi-purpose type. That means it can be used on any type of small fire to put it out quickly. Make sure the gift's recipient reads the label and instructions carefully and learns how to use the extinguisher properly. It is easy to learn, but there is no time to learn once a fire has started. Fire extinguishers should be kept in homes - especially kitchens, garages and basements, as well as in boats, campers and trailers.

Just to be on the safe side, carbon monoxide detectors should be installed so you can monitor the air for high levels of carbon monoxide. There are many types of home CO detectors available today. We recommend the purchase of a detector that meets the UL standard and follow the manufacturer's installation instruction. More than 200 deaths a year occur in the U.S. as a result of CO poisoning, mostly due to malfunctioning combustion type appliances. The best way of reducing the risk of CO poisoning is to regularly maintain your home's heating system.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Fire Prevention Bureau at 499-7700 and a trained professional will assist you.

In fact, why not be your own friend as well? While buying these gifts for your loved ones, pick up spares for yourself.

CHIEF HOUK'S SAFETY TIPS

This holiday season should be a time of great joy as we celebrate and share gifts with those close to us. Unfortunately, it can be a time when crime becomes more prevalent. These "Holiday Safety Tips" are offered to help make your holiday season a safe and happy one. Please take some time to read them and share them with your family and friends.

Be alert: Walk confidently, with your head up, and stay in well-lighted and well-traveled areas. Pay attention to people walking in front of and behind you. Pay particular attention when you are in crowded areas, such as buses and trains or malls and stores that are filled with other shoppers. Places with large crowds are favorites for thieves and pickpockets.

If you carry a purse, keep it in front of you and close to your body. You can do this by covering the flap or clasp with your hand or forearm. Never leave your purse in a shopping cart or on a counter while you pay for your purchases. When using public washrooms, use extreme caution - try to avoid putting your purse on hooks or door handles. Remember not to carry open-weave bags or purses without zippers or flaps. Those items are easy marks for pickpockets.

Keep your purse with you at all times. Keys should not be carried in your purse. In the event of a purse snatching, the thief will have your address and keys to your home. Keep your keys in your pocket if it is possible. If you carry a change purse or wallet, keep it in your front pants pocket or in the inside breast pocket of your coat. Always be alert when opening your purse or wallet.

Try to shop with friends or relatives. Not only is there safety in numbers, but shopping in a group will give you a chance to catch up on things and renew friendships.

Be discreet: Never carry large amounts of money. Whenever possible, use credit cards or checks instead of cash. When using credit cards, make sure that only one credit slip is printed with your charge card. Also, be sure to tear up any carbon that may be used to complete the transaction. Credit card fraud can ruin your holiday season.

Thieves and pickpockets are more likely to be attracted by expensive clothes and jewelry. When you are out doing your holiday shopping, dress comfortably and casually.

Secure your car: Cars can be an easy target for criminals. Park your car as close to your destination as possible and in a well-lighted area. When you do your shopping, remember to store your packages in the trunk of the car and not on the back seat. Also, if you take packages to the car but plan to return to the store or mall, drive your car to a new location within the parking lot. Criminals can be on the lookout for unsuspecting shoppers who simply drop their purchases into the trunk and then return to keep shopping.

When returning to your auto (or home), have your keys in your hand, ready to open the door. The few moments you save may keep you from becoming a crime victim. Before entering your vehicle, carefully check the front and rear seats and floor for anyone that may be hiding there. Lock your doors immediately after entering the vehicle.

Secure your home: When you are out shopping, leave some lights on at home.

You may also want to let a neighbor know that you will be out of the house for a short time, so they can watch your house for you. If you plan to be away for a longer period to visit friends or family over the holidays, make sure to tell a neighbor or friend who can keep an eye on your house. Have them check periodically to make sure packages that may have been delivered while you were gone aren't sitting on your porch.

JANUARY, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* Christmas tree pickup will be on your regular garbage day the first two weeks of January. * Snow removed from your property must not be shoveled into the street. * Cars should not be parked in the street once 1 inch of snow has fallen until the street has been cleared.				1 **New Year's Day** Village Hall Closed	2	3 DIAL 911 Fire & Police Emergency
4	5 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	6	7 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	8 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	9	10
11	12 Business Development 7:30 pm	13 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	14	15 Education Summit 4:00 pm Public Works 7:30 pm	16	17
18 	19 Planning & Development Board 8:00 pm	20 4th Dist. Mtg.-7:30 pm Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm Special Events 7:30 pm	21	22 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	23	24
25	26 PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	27 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	28	29	30	31

FEBRUARY, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	3	4 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	5 Historia Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Business Development 7:30 pm	10 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	11	12 **Lincoln's Birthday** Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	13	14 **Valentine's Day**
15 	16 **President's Day** Village Hall Closed	17 Last Day to Register to Vote Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm Special Events 7:30 pm	18 District 5 Neighborhood Mtg. 7:30 pm in Village Hall	19 Public Works 7:30 pm	20	21
22 **George Washington's Birthday**	23 PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	24 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	25 **Ash Wednesday**	26 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	27	28

* Parking over a sidewalk is prohibited and will warrant a ticket.
* Last Day to Register to vote is February 17th. Anyone who will be 18 years of age on or before the March 17th Primary may register to vote in the Clerk's Office.

MARCH, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	3	4 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	5 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	6	7 Village Hall Open for Absentee Voting 9:00 to Noon
8	9 Business Development 7:30 pm	10 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	11	12 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	13	14 Village Hall Open for Absentee Voting 9:00 to Noon
15 	16 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	17 **St. Patrick's Day** Primary Election Envir. Concerns 7:30 Special Events 7:30	18 District 5 Neighborhood Mtg. 7:30 pm Village Hall	19 Public Works 7:30 pm	20 **Spring Begins** 	21
22	23 PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	24 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	25	26 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	27	28
29	30	31 	* If you don't know your precinct number or where you vote, call the Clerk's Office at 499-7738. * Garage Sales are permitted with the purchase of a permit from the Police Department. Posting of signs on utility poles and public property is prohibited.			

APRIL, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
* Branches must be cut in 4 ft. sections and bundled for pick up on your regular garbage pick up day. * Yard waste must be in a separate container marked with a yard waste sticker. Stickers are available in the Village Hall. * Check the batteries on your smoke detector when you change your clock on April 5th.			1 Yard Waste Pick Up Begins Appeals Board 8:00 pm	2 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	3	4
5 **Daylight Savings Time Begins** 	6 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	7	8	9 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Quality Control 7:30 pm	10 **Good Friday Village Closed**	11 **Easter Bunny On The Green**
12 **Easter Sunday** 	13 Business Development 7:30 pm	14 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	15 District 5 Neighborhood Mtg. Village Hall Open 7:30 pm	16 Public Works 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	21 Environmental Concerns 7:30 pm Special Events 7:30 pm	22 **Earth Day** 	23 Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	24 **Arbor Day** 	25
26	27 PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	28 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	29	30		

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The Daily Southtown Reader's Poll selected the Village of Oak Lawn as the Southland's finest community for 1997.

"Oak Lawn is a town where people work together to make things better," stated Mayor Ernest Kolb. "The award belongs to everyone in the Village," Kolb added.

The business climate in the Village was also reflected in the Southland's Finest contest. Over 25 businesses, ranging from restaurants to bridal shops to the Hilton Hotel were also voted the best in the area.

"The Village of Oak Lawn is experiencing tremendous business growth. Many 95th Street renovations are underway and people are responding by shopping in Oak Lawn," said Mayor Kolb.

The official presentation of the "Finest Community" award took place at a reception and ceremony at Georgios Restaurant with Mayor Kolb accepting the award on behalf of the Village. Congratulations Oak Lawn!

Dates To Remember . . .

VILLAGE HALL CLOSED:

Christmas Eve	Wednesday, December 24th
Christmas Day	Thursday, December 25th
New Year's Eve	Wednesday, December 31st
New Year's Day	Thursday, January 1st
President's Day	Monday, February 16th
Good Friday	Friday, April 10th

DON'T FORGET!

Last Day to Register To Vote	Tuesday, February 17th
Primary Election	Tuesday, March 17th
Yard Waste Pick Up Begins	Wednesday, April 1st
Daylight Savings Time Begins	Sunday, April 5th

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Winter 1999

December, 1998

Dear Friends

As we approach a new year, I am pleased to report that Oak Lawn continues to be a dynamic and progressive community. During the past year, numerous additions and improvements have been made throughout our Village. Your continued investment in your homes and businesses coupled with our local capital improvements insures a strong and stable future. I am extremely pleased that during this past year the Village of Oak Lawn:

- Completed the 95th Street improvements between 51st Avenue and 54th. This much needed project in our town center provided new sidewalks, ornamental streetlights, flower planters and a variety of other improvements. If you haven't visited this area recently, I encourage you to stop by during the holiday season. The entire area is decorated with lights and banners and the local merchants are always eager to please shoppers of all ages.
- Began the construction of the Oakdale detention pond at 102nd Street and 52nd Avenue.
- Developed a plan and began the reconstruction of Oak Lawn Lake located near 96th and Shore Drive.
- Resurfaced six miles of residential side streets, installed over 100 new streetlights and finished nearly five miles of new sidewalks in various locations throughout the Village.

As 1999 begins, I anxiously await the completion of Central Avenue by the Cook County Highway Department and the completion of 111th Street by the Illinois Department of Transportation. While we have no actual control over these two projects, the construction is scheduled to end in August.

In closing, on behalf of the Board of Trustees and all of our Village staff, please accept our best wishes for a joyous and happy new year!

Sincerely

Ernie Kolb

Ernie Kolb
Mayor

ERNEST F. KOLB
Village President

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Around Town . . .

COMMUTER PARKING

The Village of Oak Lawn, in conjunction with METRA, has purchased additional land to expand commuter parking for the Village.

The current Commuter Parking Lot has 68 designated spaces that are available on a first-come, first-serve basis at $1.00 per day and 482 spaces purchased on a quarterly basis. There is a waiting list of 330 applications for commuter parking.

The proposed new commuter parking lot will be located at the corner of 95th Street and 51st Avenue, and will increase parking availability by approximately 100-150 spaces.

The ridership to and from the Oak Lawn station is 700 passengers per day, slightly above the Southwest line average of 620 passengers per day. The southwest METRA line currently runs 16 trains per day, weekdays only and reaches out to 159th Street in Orland Park.

METRA is proposing a three-part expansion plan to extend the Southwest line to Manhattan and increase the number of trains to 22 per day with weekend service. The expansion project will most likely begin in the year 2000 and continue incrementally through 2005.

Oak Lawn is preparing for the future and will continue to offer accessibility to public transportation for residents and businesses.

HEART OF OAK LAWN CHRISTMAS SHOPPING & DECORATIONS

Many merchants in the Heart of Oak Lawn will be decorating their windows for Christmas. Bring your family for a tour of the downtown area and stroll the widened sidewalks and enjoy these displays.

Shop Oak Lawn and support our local merchants during the holiday season. The future of the Village depends on the health of the business community. Business provides jobs and tax dollars that support services to all of our residents.

Oak Lawn is experiencing an economic renaissance. The Village is the anchor of the Southwest Metro area and the leader in business redevelopment and expansion. We are creating more jobs and attractir more and different types of businesses than ever before.

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HISTORIC STRUCTURES

The Village of Oak Lawn Historic Preservation Commission has officially designated the following structures and sites as local historic landmarks.

The Keyhole House
5400 West 96th Street — Built in 1891 by Erasmus Minnick

The McAninch Home
9402 South 55th Avenue — Built in 1920

Tank Memorial Site
On Columbus Drive North of 95th Street at the Railroad Tracks — Since 1937 WWI Tank, replaced in 1947 WW II, now an M5 Stuart Type

Spitzer's Service Station
5500 West 95th Street — Originally built in 1916

The Homestead Bar
9306 South Central Avenue — Built approximately 1843

The Gaddis Home
9632 South Cook Avenue — Built in 1908

The Buehler Home
9545 South Meade Avenue — Built in 1938

The O'Brien Courthouse
9530 South 53rd Avenue — Built in 1916

The Village provides a commemorative plaque to each designated site.

The Historic Preservation Commission meets the first Thursday of every month in the lower level of the Oak Lawn Library. For more information on the Commission's activities or to become a volunteer for the Commission, please call the office of Community Development at 499-7838.

RESIDENTS' PERCEPTION

December 16, 1998

Mr. Joseph J. Faber
Village Manager
Village of Oak Lawn
9446 S. Raymond Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

Dear Mr. Faber:

I would like to take this time to express my pleasure with the way that "downtown" Oak Lawn is beginning to look. As a life-long resident of the Village, I think the changes that have been made over the past few years to the 95th Street corridor are phenomenal. Recently one evening, I was heading westward down 95th from Cicero Avenue and thoroughly enjoyed the view of the holiday lighting, sidewalk pavers, street lighting and the additional streetscape amenities that have been put in place. The point of entry sign located just west of 95th and Oak Park Avenue is also a nice addition and others like it should be added at other various borders throughout the Village.

The downtown area of the community has quickly become a central location where residents can come to and interact, either by shopping, walking around or stopping in at the library. I would like to commend you, your staff and the elected officials for developing and bringing a downtown revitalization plan to fruition. I only hope that efforts continue to proceed and that the entire 95th Street corridor is completely redone with similar streetscape design as far west as Ridgeland.

In closing, I would like to reiterate my feelings stated above and note that the work done to this point makes me very proud to be a resident of the Village of Oak Lawn. I can assure you that residents, both young and old, are definitely taking notice. The direction in which the community is headed is making our Village one of the most desirable areas to live in the entire Chicago-land area. Keep up the great work, your efforts are greatly improving the quality of life in our community. Finally, I would like to wish you, your staff and all of your families the best of times this holiday season and may you have a very prosperous 1999.

Sincerely,

Thomas Mick

Thomas Mick
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District News

DISTRICT 1 — Trustee Jerry Hurckes

Thank you to all the residents of the 1st District who have so warmly welcomed me as their new Trustee. The first couple of months have been very enlightening and made me realize that I have very big shoes to fill!

As I have been walking through neighborhoods introducing myself, residents have been very receptive. I look forward to meeting you and your family soon. In the meantime, if you need to contact me, please call me at home at 599-7302.

On behalf of the residents of the 1st District, I would like to thank Cy Holesha for all of his hard work and dedication to the residents of the district. Whether or not you agreed with Cy, one thing was certain, Cy's love for the Village of Oak Lawn was always on his mind. Thank you, Cy! Enjoy!

I have scheduled a series of community meetings for the residents of the 1st District. The first one was held on November 21st and it was a wonderful experience. Watch for notices in the local papers and on Channel 45 for the next community meeting in your neighborhood.

ATTENTION SENIORS! Can you use a little help around the outside of your home raking leaves, shoveling snow, cutting grass, etc.? Together with the Oak Lawn Community Partnership Program, we are offering that needed help. Please contact me if you are in need of this assistance or know of someone who may need this help.

As your Trustee in the Village of Oak Lawn's 1st District, it is my responsibility to be the liaison between the Village and residents I represent. On that note, if there is anything I can do to help you and your family, please do not hesitate to call me. My promise to you and your family is to try my very best to help in any way possible.

My family and I wish you and your families a very happy, healthy and wonderful New Year.

DISTRICT 2 — Trustee Ron Stancik

One of the challenges of a new year will be to address the serious problem of traffic control on our Village streets. Whether it is speeding or unsafely driven vehicles, it is clearly becoming one of my biggest concerns and priorities.

In the past, the general fix-all was to install another stop sign and hope for the best. In today's times, we are finding that many people don't completely stop at these signs or increase their rate of speed between stop signs.

Further complicating traffic matters are the road construction projects seemingly on all major streets. This construction is obviously an unwelcome addition to our existing traffic patterns.

As the construction projects are completed, we will return to our normal traffic in our neighborhoods which will allow us to have a traffic consultant evaluate how we can best make our streets safer for all. Our Chief of Police, Jim Houk, also has a new Traffic Division within his department as well.

In short, I hope that new technology and a much stronger police presence will deter the actions on our streets that jeopardize all of our personal safety.

As usual, I welcome your input.

DISTRICT 3 — Trustee Bob Streit

OAK LAWN LAKE RESTORATION — The long-awaited Oak Lawn Lake restoration project is well underway at this time. Dredging is expected to be completed by the end of this year. A beautiful restoration plan that will provide greater ecological stability in an attractive park-like atmosphere should be completed next spring.

ORNAMENTAL LIGHTING — The new ornamental street lighting and sidewalk improvements recently completed on 95th Street have established a unique and distinct identity for our central business district. These infrastructure improvements have been so well received that plans are underway to expand the project from Cicero to Central Avenue. Not only do these improvements provide us with a facelift, they generate economic development which is essential to the long-term stability of our community.

HISTORIC DEDICATION — The Oak Lawn Historic Commission dedicated the *Keyhole House* at 5400 W. 96th Street as the first Oak Lawn Historic Landmark. This splendid home, built in 1893 and owned by the prominent Schussler family for over 3 generations, is now owned by the Rohans. The Rohan family graciously invited all Village officials and residents who attended the ceremony into their home for a very special tour of this very special house.

CONSTITUENT SERVICES — During the last 8 years, I have met or talked with many residents regarding issues of concern to our neighborhood. Please call my office at 422-3600 if you need to discuss any Village issues. As always, I am available to meet with individuals or groups to address your concerns.

District News Cont.

DISTRICT 4 — Trustee Steve Rosenbaum

As we begin the New Year, I would like to extend best wishes to all residents of the 4th District. At the Village Board level, we are hopeful that 1999 brings success in our economic development activity.

Included in these efforts are redevelopment of the old K Mart property at 94th & Pulaski Road and ongoing improvement along 95th Street. The Village of Oak Lawn is committed to attracting those businesses which enhance our image and that you are desirous of patronizing. In this vein, please advise me of any suggestions you might have for our outreach efforts.

We will see additional road work this year. Much needed repairs to 103rd Street between Pulaski Road and Cicero Avenue will be undertaken. The tentative conclusions for the Central Avenue and 111th Street projects are mid-year 1999.

The 4th District Neighborhood Meetings will continue throughout the year. Announcements are made on Cable TV and through the local newspapers. These meetings have proven to be a valuable forum of discussion in detail of all issues confronting the Village. I look forward to seeing you there.

DISTRICT 5 — Trustee Marge Joy

Oakdale Detention Pond Project, Progress Report:

The contractor working for the Village of Oak Lawn on the detention pond project, HHC Group, is close to completing the excavation of the pond reservoir to serve the Oakdale Subdivision. The inlet and outlet pipes at the bottom of the pond will be completed soon, as will the lift station structure. Once power is brought to the new control house at 103rd & 52nd Avenue, the pumps can be activated and the pond will become totally functional and able to discharge storm water from the reservoir directly to the storm sewer in 103rd Street.

The next phase of the construction will be to install the new, large diameter storm sewers in the streets, which will redirect storm water flows to the new detention pond facility. Commencement of this phase cannot take place until the detention pond becomes fully functional; otherwise, water that collects in the pond will have no place to discharge, and will remain in the pond. We are now, however, approaching the time of year when underground construction work becomes difficult and can cause inconveniences to those living in the area affected. Therefore, the engineers have suggested, and I agree, that the installation of storm sewers should be postponed until the beginning of the next construction season, which will begin in March next year.

The contractor will continue working to complete the building construction and repair pavement areas disturbed by construction. They will also keep the site safe and secure for the winter months.

I trust that you will understand the reasoning behind this decision to suspend construction for the winter. The inconveniences which would result by continuing construction could only result in additional aggravation and will not alter the schedule to complete the project by August of 1999.

Since 1994, the Village of Oak Lawn has worked with Federal, State and local agencies to find a solution to the overland flooding from Stony Creek. In 1966, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers completed a reconnaissance report which recommended alternatives to flooding and the implementation of a Feasibility Study.

This Feasibility Study has been initiated and is expected to be completed and submitted for review by December 30, 1998. This plan will show the Federal Engineering Design and which alternatives will meet the goal of reducing flood damages in Oak Lawn.

After the Army Corps submits the Feasibility Study to its regional headquarters, a public hearing will be held. Following this, plans and specs will go out for bid in 1999. A bid for construction is expected to be awarded in 2000.

As we prepare to enter into the next millennium, we are enthusiastic that this complete project will provide relief from flooding and its consequences for future generations.

DISTRICT 6 — Trustee Bill Keane

By the time you read this, the holidays will be past, and all of us will be thinking of spring . . . except you skiers.

CONSTRUCTION . . . The railroad underpass on 111th Street will be open for traffic, and I was "stopped by the train" will no longer work as an excuse for me being late for dinner. Construction on Central Ave. will continue well into '99.

HOT LINE . . . As a result of the August wind storm that severely damaged our neighborhood, I have asked the Village staff to develop a telephone "HOT LINE" to better communicate with our residents. After a major storm, most residents want information on what is being done to clean up the area. In August I had letters hand delivered to the hardest hit neighborhoods to inform residents when they could expect Village help in cleaning up the damage. Hopefully, this "HOT LINE" will be a more efficient way of providing information in times of emergencies and a source to let people know what is happening in and around our Village. More on this in '99.

SHOPPING MALLS . . . Frequently, people comment on the physical condition of some of our large shopping areas. Maintenance is somewhat lax. Parking lot pot holes, peeling paint, and standing water are just a few of the complaints that we receive. At a recent board meeting I have asked our code inspection staff to detail these code violations and video tape them. These violations lists along with their respective video tapes are being sent to the property management firms that are responsible for these malls, along with a due date to correct the problems.

I wish all our residents a safe and happy New Year, and please remember, if problems occur that I can assist you with, please call me. I promise you my best effort when you do. 425-2309

PEER JURY PROGRAM

The Peer Jury Program began in January, 1997 and to date, over one hundred juvenile offenders have had their cases adjudicated by their peers. The program was started by Detectives Bob Foster and Jim Pacetti, and Mr. Jim Craig is the coordinator. The program's objective is designed to provide a meaningful and remedial method of dealing with selected juvenile offenders without referral to the Juvenile Court. By having a swifter means of holding offenders accountable for their actions, first time violators realize that there are consequences for illegal activity, and hopefully will learn a valuable lesson to keep them out of future trouble. The recidivism rate for offenders has been almost negligible to date. There are currently 37 jurors who meet twice monthly to hear cases. Jurors do not determine guilt or innocence. They ask offenders questions relating to their crimes, and based on responses, attitude, and whether or not there is remorse, the jurors determine an appropriate sentence. An offender is usually referred to one of ten sites to do a required amount of community service. Offenders may also have to write essays or letters of apology to their victims. The program is quite popular and has proven to be a valuable asset in bringing the Police Department closer to the youth of our community.

Fraudulent Telemarketers Are Criminals:

Don't Fall For A Telephone Line!

Older Americans are the targets of a new kind of criminal. This criminal holds you up in your own home. But not with a gun. This **CRIMINALS WEAPON IS THE TELEPHONE.**

There are more than 14,000 fraudulent telemarketing operations calling hundreds of thousands of Americans every day, and older Americans are the prime target of these **criminals.** Nearly 80% of criminal telemarketers investigated by the **F.B.I.** were targeting their fraudulent calls to older people. Last year telemarketing crimes cost Americans more than **$40 billion** dollars.

But don't think telemarketers are only targeting vulnerable, isolated older persons. The people they prey upon are from all walks of life. They are highly educated, have above average incomes, and are socially active in their communities. Therefore, the sales pitches used are highly sophisticated. They include phony prizes, illegal sweepstakes, sham investments, crooked charities, and "recovery rooms" where the same victim is **hit** again by shysters who promise to recover their **lost money** (for a fee of course.)

To fight these criminals the **OAK LAWN POLICE DEPARTMENT** is issuing the following information, including a list of **Do's and Dont's** when dealing with telemarketers.

THESE ARE THINGS YOU SHOULD DO:

- Ask telemarketers for the name and address of their company, and a clear explanation of the offer they are making.
- Ask the caller to send you written material to study, including the money back guarantee, before you make a purchase.
- Talk to family and friends, or call your lawyer, accountant, or banker, and get their advice before you make any large purchases or investments.
- Ask that your telephone number be removed from the telemarketers list if you don't want to be called. If the calls continue, contact the **Police.** It's illegal to call a person after they have asked to be removed from a list.

THESE ARE THINGS YOU SHOULD NOT DO:

- Don't pay for any prize or send any money to improve your chances of winning. It's illegal to ask you to pay to enter a contest.
- Don't allow a caller to intimidate you or bully you into buying something **"right now."** If the caller says "YOU HAVE TO MAKE UP YOUR MIND RIGHT NOW" or "WE MUST HAVE YOUR MONEY TODAY" hang up. It's probably a scam.
- **DON'T EVER, EVER** give any caller your bank account number or credit card number. They can use this information to withdraw money from your account or order merchandise with your card without your knowledge and/or permission.
- Never wire or send money by an overnight delivery service unless you initiated the transaction.

Follow these do's and dont's to reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

Chamber of Commerce ❖ Christmas Par

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
COOPERATIVE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
ON MUNICIPAL PARKWAYS

A 50/50 COST SHARING PROGRAM
BETWEEN PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

This program is available exclusively for tree planting in Village parkways. There is a two tree per household limit on the number of trees which can be planted as part of this program. All planting sites must meet spacing requirements for Village approval.

VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administration and coordination of program
- Selection and administration of parkway tree specie list
- Coordination of tree purchasing, delivery and installation
- Supervising of planting operations
- Enforcement of policy which prevents the planting of tall and/or fast growing tree species on Village property under electric utility lines.

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Selection of tree specie from list provided by the Village.
- Reimbursement to the Village **one-half of total cost** ***(tree and planting cost)***
- Watering (when necessary)
- Fertilizing (if necessary)

Residents are advised to contact John Finnell, Village Forester for the Village of Oak Lawn for additional information regarding the program at 708-499-7098.

PARKWAY SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 50/50 PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MINIMUM CRITERIA EACH PARKWAY LOCATION SHOULD HAVE BEFORE A TREE PLANTING IS SCHEDULED.

- The parkway is to have a width of six feet (6´) or more
- The planting site is to be six feet (6´) or more from driveways
- The planting site is to be thirty-five feet (35´) from intersections
- The planting site is to be ten feet (10´) from individual water service line valves (B-Boxes), valves boxes, and fire hydrants
- The planting site is to be approximately forty feet (40´) from existing parkway trees or other planting sites
- The planting site should have overhead space without overhanging crowns from other trees or vegetation
- Only tree species with a mature height of less than thirty (30) feet will be planted under utility lines.

Proper spacing between planting sites has several benefits. Adequate space between trees allows each individual tree to develop a large, healthy crown. Space between trees also limits the possibility of sight obstructions and traffic conflicts. When utility excavations need to occur, space between trees reduces the chances of extensive stem or root damage which could lead to tree decline.

TREE DESCRIPTIONS - SPRING 1999

Freeman Red Maple (*Acer rubrum* "Autumn Blaze") – Hardy and drought tolerant, this hybrid has exhibited good potential for the mid-west. The Morton Arboretum in Lisle has some mature specimens. A fast growing tree with deep green leaves and a dazzling orange-red fall color. This tree can reach 50 - 70 feet at maturity.

Flowering Pear (*Pyrus calleryana "Chanticleer" or "Redspire")* – This is a medium sized, narrowly pyramidal tree which matures at 40 feet. A good choice where lateral space to spread is limited. Pears produce beautiful spring flowers and have a late fall color of purple.

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus biscolor*) – A native oak maturing at 50 - 70 feet. This tree is handsome in youth as well as developed, with a broad spreading canopy and clean foilage. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Two young examples of this species can be seen at the Village Green.

Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) – The prairie oak, a native tree that matures at 50 - 70 feet with a broad spreading canopy. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Bur Oak leaves are my favorite, clean and glossy green with rounded lobes. Many examples of this species can be seen around Parkside Ave., Brandt Ave., and 96th Street.

Shingle Oak (*Quercus imbricaria*) – An unusual oak maturing at 45 - 60 feet. It has glossy green laurel like leaves that change to russet red in the fall. Pyramidal to upright in youth, it becomes more broad with age. Shingle Oak tolerates parkway conditions well, and acorns seem to be less of a problem than with other oaks.

Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis* "Windy City") – This native is in the same family as American Elm and may resemble that classic Vase Crown at maturity. It is immune to Dutch Elm Disease. Hackberry can be identified by the "warty" appearance of the bark. It does well in urban conditions and is gaining popularity as a landscape tree. There are several mature specimens throughout Oak Lawn.

Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata* "Greenspire") – Excellent conical/symmetrical shade tree, known for its fragrant flower in June or July. Tolerates urban conditions and air pollution. This species has a pyramidal and dense canopy. Has been over planted in some areas. Lindens can be seen in the Village Green and the north parking lot of the Municipal Center.

Silver Linden (*Tilia tomentosa* "Brabant") – Broad conical crown with a strong central leader, leaves dark green with a yellow fall color. Matures at 60 feet. This tree has an interesting leaf pattern with a dark green upside and a silvery-white underside. When the wind is blowing this produces a glimmering effect. This species also produces flowers in late June and early July, another excellent street tree.

White Ash (*Fraxinus americana* "Autumn Purple") – A hardy street tree native to the area. Reaches 50 feet with an oval crown shape. This cultivar has a subdued reddish-purple fall color. This is a good substitute for over planted green ash. Examples of this tree can be seen on Raymond Avenue east of the Village Hall.

Bald Cypress (*Taxodium Distichum*) – Conical to columnar shape, can grow to 50 to 60 feet in height and up to 30 feet wide. Suitable for sunny, large parkways. This tree is native to Illinois and has been found to be very reliable as a street tree. It has nice textured evergreen like leaves that have a good orange to red brick fall color. Uncommon but increasing in popularity as a parkway tree.

Turkish Filbert (*Corylus colurna*) – A pyramidal tree with a formal outline, another good choice where lateral space to spread is limited. This filbert thrives in hot summers and cold winters. It has dark green leaves that show little problems with scorch and other weather related diseases. This tree has a nut similar to American Filbert. It is considered a slow grower but can reach 40 - 50 feet.

Gingko (*Gingko biloba* "Princeton") – The oldest tree on the fossil record (over 150 million years old!), this tree was once native to North America and is supposed to have many medicinal properties. I like it for its shape and fall color. It's pyramidal in form with a spectacular gold-yellow fall color. It's considered a slow grower, but does well with a little TLC.

Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioicus*) – The "ugly duckling" trees. This tree starts off very bare but within a couple years develops into a beautiful upright tree that will provide light shade. A contorted growth habit and large compound leaves makes this tough street tree unique. Male selections will be used to ensure no messy fruit problems.

Regal Elm (*Ulmus spp*) – This tree is a complex hybrid developed to be resistant to Dutch elm disease. This tree is more oval than the American Elm, but has similar dense dark green foliage. It's a very fast grower with a good track record as a replacement elm.

Beverly Flowering Crabapple (*Malus spp.*) – A rounded dense tree, maturing at 15 to 25 feet. Flower buds are red but open to abundant white flowers. Fruit are bright red and persist well. These crabs are resistant to scab, the disease that's severely affected the older crabs here in the Village.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea* "Forest Prince") – This is a beautiful little tree with white spring flowers and red/crimson fall colors. The fruit is edible if you can beat the birds to them. There are several planted through the Dearborn Heights neighborhood under utility lines.

Peking Tree Lilac (*Syringa reticulata*) – This tree is very similar to lilac hedges. It is a tree however and can reach 20 feet in height. It has creamy white flowers that bloom about the same time as other lilacs. I've heard its not as fragrant as most lilacs, but the flowers are very similar.

Blue Beech (*Carpinus caroliniana*) – A nice small native tree that only reaches 30 feet. The bark is smooth and bluish-gray hence the common name. A slow grower but can do well with some TLC. Yellow, orange and/or red fall color.

Hedge Maple (*Acer campestre*) – A native to Europe this small maple can reach 35 feet. It has a very dense crown and dark green leaves. It is considered slow growing but can be pushed with proper care. Please be sure to have a second choice, because I'm not sure how many of these I'll be able to get.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like more information please call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program

The Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring a 50/50 Tree Planting Program. This Village service enables residents to share the cost of parkway trees, the Village and resident each pay half the cost of the tree and tree planting. **The deadline for the spring season planting is March 1, 1999. All applications received after March 1, 1999 will be considered for the Fall 1999 season.** To participate in the cost share program, please submit payment, as well as this completed form to the Village. For more information, please call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

(Please print or type all information)

Resident's Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Please specify first and second choice. A maximum of two trees per residence will be allowed. Trees can be planted in the parkway only, between the curb and the sidewalk. Village staff will advise on appropriate locations in the parkway. Tree size is 2.5" in diameter. **Trees are not guaranteed. Tree replacement will be at the discretion of the Village Forester.** Should overhead utilities exist along the parkway Village staff must approve the final selection of trees.

SPECIES	QUANTITY		RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Freeman Red Maple	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Swamp White Oak	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Bur Oak	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Shingle Oak	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Blue Beech	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Hackberry	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Flowering Pear	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Littleleaf Linden	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Bald Cypress	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Silver Linden	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Kentucky Coffee Tree	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Regal Elm	_____	@	$130.00	_____
White Ash	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Turkish Filbert	_____	@	$130.00	_____
Gingko	_____	@	$130.00	_____

The following tree species are approved for planting under utility wires.

SPECIES	QUANTITY		RESIDENT'S COST	TOTAL PRICE
Flowering Crabapple	_____	@	$ 90.00	_____
Serviceberry	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Peking Tree Lilac	_____	@	$115.00	_____
Hedge Maple	_____	@	$115.00	_____

Please make checks payable to the Village of Oak Lawn

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Amount Paid _____ Check _____ Cash _____

Received by _____ Date Received _____

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Business Beautification Awards

The Village of Oak Lawn has once again recognized those businesses that have taken the time and expense to enhance their grounds and buildings to make our Village more attractive.

Business Beautification awards were presented by Mayor Kolb to Hawkinson Ford for the 1.3 million dollar renovation to their 95th Street dealership. Hawkinson Ford is the largest Ford dealership in three states and the Hawkinson family is deeply involved in many community service projects.

An award was also presented to the Goal Post Restaurant and Lounge for a complete face lift inside and out. The Goal Post is owned and managed by Joe and Maureen Duffy and offers great family lunches and dinners along with your favorite libation.

Congratulations for a job well done. Please stop by these establishments and see for yourself how attractive they are.

Cheetahs Bring a Championship to Cook County in 1998

After nearly 80 years of baseball, Cook County Cheetahs can proudly say that "we are the champions." Your Cook County Cheetahs beat the Tennessee Tomahawks in the Heartland Professional Baseball League Championship Series to win the 1998 title. This three game series marks the end of the first season of the champion Cheetahs here in Cook County.

Professional Minor League Baseball is a great way to initiate old-fashioned fun here in the south suburbs. Next year the Cook County Cheetahs will open in their new home in Crestwood at 4545 Midlothian Turnpike. This will be an exciting season of family fun, affordable prices and with encouragement of the fans, a 1999 Championship. There will be excellent seating, plenty of parking and delicious food. It will be family fun for all ages.

Keep watching for more announcements of season tickets and promotions. For any questions, you can call the Cook County Cheetah hotline at 708-489-2255.

Baseball is back, and it's really back in Cook County!

The Following Businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of July 1998 through September 1998

All Seasons Heating & Cooling
Designer's Custom Cabinetry
J. P. Larsen, Inc.
Nick's Re-Sales
Norwest Mortgage Company
SK Tech Center
St. Paul Federal Bank
Bagels Galore L.L.C. d/b/a Jacob Bros. Bagels
Chalet of Oak Lawn
First American Bank
Flyer Delivery Service
Frankie's Catering
G.I.B. Transmissions, Inc.
MIGC, Inc. d/b/a Amoco Oak Lawn
(Formerly Foote's Amoco)
Modern Mirror Designs
New China Express
Oak Lawn Cigar Shoppe
Rembrandt Studios
The Music School
Disc Replay
Dennis Fiorino Photography
Individual Taxservice Corp.
Mark's Installations
Metrocall, Inc.
Oak Lawn Discount, Inc.
SBMD (Schmal's Business of Marketing
& Distribution)
Safeway Auto Rebuilders
T&R/J&V Town & Country Liquors

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Fire Safety

The Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

As we enter into the last year of the 20th Century, struggling to endure the cold weather, the Oak Lawn Fire Department would like to remind our residents of the dangers of Carbon Monixide (CO) poisoning.

Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas which is a by-product of combustion and is present wherever a fossil fuel, such as natural gas, is burned. Because you cannot see, taste or smell carbon monoxide, it is capable of reading dangerous levels before you are aware of its presence. Everyone is a risk for carbon monoxide poisoning. However, children, the elderly or individuals with respiratory conditions are at greater risk. Initial symptoms are similar to "flu-like" sysmptoms, but left untreated, loss of consciousness, brain damage or death may occur.

In order to protect your family from the dangers of carbon monoxide poisoning, the following steps should be followed:

1. Have your fuel burning appliances inspected by a qualified technician at least once a year.
2. Make sure all fuel-burning appliances are properly vented.
3. Avoid using charcoal grills inside the home or garage.
4. Don't allow vehicle exhaust fumes to enter the home.
5. Install carbon monixide detector within the home.

Should you purchase and install a carbon monoxide detector, it is important to note the following items.

1. Although carbon monoxide detectors look and sound similar to smoke detectors, they detect two separate and distinct hazards.
2. Select a detector which has been approved by a recognized testing agency such as Underwriter's Laboratories or Factory Mutual.
3. Follow the manufacturer's instructions for installation which come with the detector.

Should you suspect a minor carbon monoxide leak within your home, ventilate the area and contact either a qualified repair technician or NiCor for assistance. In the event that a serious leak has occurred or members of your family are feeing ill, you shold evacuate the area and contact the Fire Department. Do not ventilate the area until such time that the fire department has arrived so that accurate carbon monoxide levels may be obtained.

Should you require additional information, you may contact the Oak Lawn Fire Prevention Bureau at (708) 499-7700

Hall of Flame — Phoenix, Arizona
Nations Largest Firefighting Museum

In June, the Oak Lawn Fire Department donated its splendidly restored 1955 Seagrave Anniversary Model "Quad" to the Hall of Flame. Volunteer Captain Ron Deutsch played a key role in the donation through his contacts with an Oak Lawn fire officer who visited the Hall and thought the museum to be a good home for the classic rig. Chief Thomas Moran approved the donation and made it all possible. It is now on display in Gallery III.

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JANUARY, 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
❋ Christmas tree pick up will be on your regular garbage day throughout January. ❋ Snow removed from your property MUST NOT be shoveled into the street. ❋ Cars should not be parked in the street once 1 inch of snow has fallen until the street is cleared. ❋ A snow removal emergency exists when snow falls at 1 inch per hour and accumulates to 4 inches or more.					1 **New Year's Day**	2
3	4 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	5	6 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	7 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	8	9
10	11 Business Development 7:30 pm	12 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	13	14 Quality Control 7:30 pm	15	16
17	18 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	19 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	20	21 Public Works 7:30 pm	22	23
24 31	25 PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	26 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	27	28 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	29	30

FEBRUARY, 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	2	3 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	4 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	5	6
7	8 Business Development 7:30 pm	9 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	10	11 Quality Control 7:30 pm	12 **Abraham Lincoln's Biirthday**	13
14 **Valentine's Day**	15 **President's Day** Village Hall Closed	16 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	17 **Ash Wednesday**	18 Public Works 7:30 pm	19	20
21	22 **George Washington's Birthday** PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	23 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	24	25 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	26	27
28	❋ Handicapped parking fine is $150.00. Applications for handicapped permits are available in the Clerk's Office. ❋ Recycling for condo owners and apartment renters is located at 98th & Central / Public Works Building 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday and Saturday 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. ❋ To vote absentee by mail, contact the Clerk's office for an application for a ballot.					

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MARCH, 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	2	3 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	4 Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	5	6
7	8 Business Development 7:30 pm	9 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	10	11 Quality Control 7:30 pm	12	13
14 **Register to Vote**	15 **Last Day to Register to Vote** Planning & Development 8:00 pm	16 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	17 **Luck of the Irish to Ye**	18 Public Works 7:30 pm	19	20 **First Day of Spring**
21	22 PR/Cable TV/MSW 7:30 pm	23 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	24	25 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	26	27
28	29	30	31	♠ Voter Registration closes at 5 p.m. Monday, March 15th. Anyone who has moved, changed their name or will be 18 before the April 13th election may register at the Clerk's Office. ♠ In-person absentee voting takes place in the Clerk's Office during regular business hours.		

APRIL, 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
✸ **VOTE Tuesday April 13th** for Village Trustees, Library, Park & School Boards ✸ Polls Open 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. For your precinct number and polling place call 499-7738. ✸ Branches must be cut in 4' sections and bundled for pick up on regular garbage day. ✸ Yard waste must be in separate containers and be marked with "Yard Waste" sticker. ✸ Yard waste stickers available in Village Hall.				1 **Yard Waste Pick-Up Begins** Historic Preservation 7:00 pm Traffic Review 8:00 pm	2 **Good Friday** Village Hall Closed	3 **Easter Egg Roll On Village Green** Daylight Saving Time Begins
4 **Easter Sunday**	5 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	6	7 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	8 Quality Control 7:30 pm	9	10
11	12 Business Development 7:30 pm	13 **ELECTION DAY** Village Trustees Library - Park District School Boards	14	15 Public Works 7:30 pm	16	17
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Fall On The Green

1999

Sept. 11th & 12th

Dates to Remember

- On Tuesday, **APRIL 13, 1999** there will be a Consolidated Election in the Village of Oak Lawn for Trustees from Districts 1, 3 and 5, the Library Board, the Park Board and School Boards.
- The last day to register to vote in the April 13th election is **MARCH 15TH.**
- You may vote absentee in the Clerk's Office if you will be absent from the county or a judge of election. First day for in-person absentee voting is **MARCH 22ND.**
- Applications to vote by mail may be obtained from the Clerk's Office beginning **MARCH 4TH.**
- If you have moved, changed your name or were removed from the voter's rolls, you must re-register to vote in person in the Clerk's Office or a Driver's License Facility. Two forms of ID are required.
- If you will be 18 years of age on or before April 13th, you may register to vote. Two forms of ID are required.

THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN OBSERVES HOLIDAYS

January 1, 1999	New Year's Day
February 15, 1999	President/s Day
April 2, 1999	Good Friday

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CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Major Construction Projects To Be Completed This Year

The State of Illinois is scheduled to complete the construction on 111th Street between Cicero and Central this summer. This major improvement which includes a new railroad underpass has taken nearly three years to complete. When finished, 111th Street will be a fully improved 4-lane roadway complete with new streetlights, sidewalks and landscaping.

The Cook County Highway Department is also scheduled to complete the construction on Central Avenue this summer. This much-needed improvement has taken almost two years to complete. Like 111th Street, when this project is complete, Central Avenue will be a 4-lane roadway with streetlights and new sidewalks.

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Construction Cont.

The Village of Oak Lawn will complete the new detention pond and storm sewer system in the Oakdale Subdivision this summer. After many years of engineering studies, it was determined that a detention pond was the only viable solution for drainage problems in this area. During severe rainfall, the pond will fill with water and a pumping system will remove the water in about 24 hours.

The Village of Oak Lawn will also complete the restoration of Oak Lawn Lake this summer. The lake, located at 96th Street just west of 54th Avenue, will be dredged and cleaned. The shoreline will be stabilized and the entire area professionally landscaped. Once complete, the State of Illinois has agreed to stock the lake with quality fish.

1999 Street Resurfacing Program

Each year the Village of Oak Lawn resurfaces residential streets that are badly in need of repair. The following streets will be done this summer.

Msgr. McNichols Drive: Menard to Massasoit
97th Street: Mansfield to Central
93rd Street: Keeler to Pulaski
Lavergne: 111th Street to 525´ north
109th Street: Keeler to Kostner thru 2 intersections
Kostner: 93rd Street to 95th Street
Tulley: 96th Street to 97th Street
91st Street: Central Avenue to Major

People You Should Know . . .

The nicest compliment you could give Juvenile Officer Bob Foster would be to say "He really loves kids." Bob dedicates most of his time helping kids of all ages. He is currently involved with the **DARE** Program (Drug Abuse Resistance Education), coordinates the **EDGE** Program (Education for Gang Evasion), and is co-founder of the **Peer Jury** Program which has been very successful for the last 2 years. Bob has lived in Oak Lawn for over 45 years and is a graduate of Oak Lawn High School. He and his wife Heidi have three children, Michael Watson 22, Cristina 7, and John 6. Being an excellent speaker, Bob talks to many groups and service organizations about keeping kids off of drugs and away from gang crime. He is a die-hard White Sox fan and loves to play baseball with his son. Bob says, "One of my hobbies is gardening which is great therapy, but my main hobby, working with the kids, is extremely rewarding."

On your first visit with Peggy Daudell you will be infected with enthusiasm. She is a very energetic and dedicated individual. Peggy has worked for Christ Hospital for 9½ years and is presently a coordinator of the Community Health and Wellness Department at Christ. Because of her involvement in the Wellness Department, she is an integral part of the Oak Lawn Community Partnership Council. This Council, headed by the Mayor, is made up of professional people such as local business owners, administrators, teachers, etc. whose mission is to promote the health and well being of all community residents. A graduate of Mother McAuley High School, Peggy has a Bachelor's Degree in Medical Technology from Trinity Christian College. She has lived in Oak Lawn for over 30 years, is married and has two sons Jonathan 13, and Stephen 8. She is very active in the community and volunteers part of her busy schedule working with PADS homeless shelter. Besides spending quality time with her family, Peggy likes to jog and is a very good cook.

Meet Don Chapman. Don is Executive Director for PLOWS in Oak Lawn. PLOWS is an acronym for the townships it serves (Palos, Lemont, Orland and Worth). Through PLOWS, Don is instrumental in helping senior citizens with assessments for state funded in-home services, chore and homemaker services, abuse investigation, individual case management, shared housing programs and much more. Don moved to Oak Lawn from Iowa in 1941. He graduated from Blue Island High School and has a Bachelors Degree in Residential Construction from Michigan State University. He worked as Building Commissioner for the Village of Oak Lawn for 6 years, and since 1976 has worked with PLOWS. Don has been married for 39 years, has 2 children, Dale and DeeDee, and 2 grandchildren, Eric and Brittany. In his spare time, he loves to golf and visit his grandchildren in Florida.

Jim Weise has worked in Oak Lawn since 1975. He started as associate director for Park Lawn (which is an acronym for Evergreen Park and Oak Lawn). Now as Executive Director, Jim and his extensive support staff work with persons with disabilities to assess and design programs based on their individual needs. Physical, occupational, speech and behavioral therapy are provided on a direct and consultative basis. Park Lawn also has an employment program which trains and places eligible adults 18 years of age and older in jobs within the community. Jim is grateful for the support and assistance that the Village of Oak Lawn has given Park Lawn, especially from the Police and Fire Departments. He is proud to be part of an organization that serves as fine a community as Oak Lawn and feels fortunate to be able to give something back to the community by offering employment and other services to our residents. Jim, who resides in River Forest with his wife Victoria, likes to golf in his spare time.

A strong advocate for the role of women in executive leadership positions, Coletta Neuens began her career at Christ Hospital in 1968. Mrs. Neuens shares a unique role with her counterpart, Carol Schneider, as one of a team of chief executives at Christ and together they have helped to move Christ Hospital and Medical Center into the top ranks of health care organizations. After receiving her master's degree in education, Coletta was named administrator for the nursing division and headed up operations for the entire medical staff. In 1986, she was named a vice president of operations. In 1998, Coletta and Carol Schneider were honored with the Grant Thornton Executive Women of the Year Award for achieving business while demonstrating balance in life. They were also listed in the Who's Who in the Chicago business section of Crain's Chicago Business and named 1997's "Co-CEO of the Year" by the Abby Foundation. A mother of six grown children and grandmother of five, Neuens lives in Lockport with her husband, Michael.

As Commander of VFW Post 5220, Chester Zielinski dedicates a lot of his time volunteering and raising funds for various service clubs, civic groups and organizations in Oak Lawn and surrounding municipalities. Our beautiful Veteran's Memorial on the Village Green is a labor of love that was made possible with funds collected by the VFW. Mr. Zielinski served in the USAF Air Transport Command in 1945 and has been a member of the VFW since 1951. Currently, Chester and his colleagues are raising funds for "Poppy Day" which supports our war veterans in all hospitals in the surrounding areas.

Public Safety

Summer Police Bicycle Patrol

Kids hanging out at Oak Lawn Parks this summer can expect to see one more thing besides baseballs and swings — police. Oak Lawn Police on bikes.

As a result of a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the Bureau of Justice through a subgrant of the Cook County Judicial Advisory Council, $50,000 dollars will pay for two additional bikes, safety equipment, uniforms, administration and man-hours for the patrol. Three officers will patrol the 25 parks and the residential area immediately adjacent to the parks from May 1 to September 30, 1999. Officers will concentrate on youth problems that often occur in the summer months.

Officers will be assigned to bike patrol through a "hire back" program. The manpower for day-to-day patrol operations will not be affected. This will allow the regular patrol Division to continue their work.

The 25 parks in the Village include a wildlife area with 1.6 miles of trail, three swimming pools and a golf course, for a total of 300 acres.

The presence of the bike patrol officers will help to deter criminal activities and alcohol use that have occurred in previous years. In addition, the bike patrol helps create a closer relationship between the police and the community through the personal contacts between Oak Lawn residents and their police officers.

Safety Seat Check Point

Oak Lawn Police Department's

CHILD SAFETY SEAT CHECK POINT !!!!!

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How Well Do You Know Oak Lawn

ACROSS

1. A place for pizza
5. First a blacksmith shop, later a bar
6. A baby bear
8. 365 days
9. A door opener or carpet store
12. A place for pizza
13. It will bowl you over
14. Also in Oak Lawn
15. Tall building
16. A place for pizza
17. _____ Meyer or Rose _____
18. Unhappy
20. Great bakery
22. Book it

DOWN

1. A place not for pizza
2. A pickle or jelly container
3. The main man in Oak Lawn
4. Golfers Paradise
5. Cheers was one
6. Trauma Center
7. Richards H.S.
10. Oak Lawn H.S.
11. Makes good coffee
17. Former Chicago Alderman
19. Where Bears live
20. Not fat
21. Oak Lawn, the land of _____ blue waters
23. The former main man in Oak Lawn

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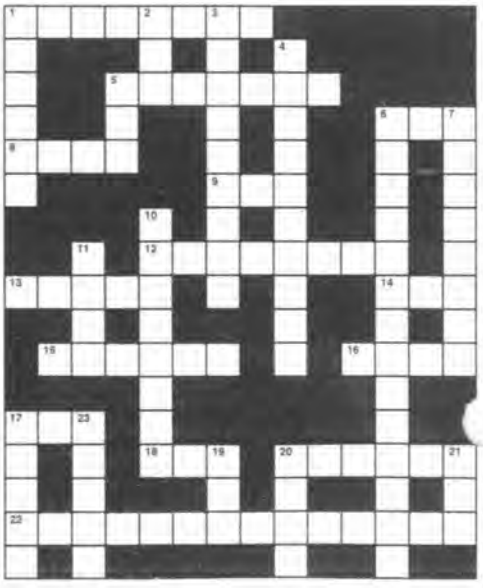

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Local Business and the Internet

The Internet can be a truly wonderful resource, full of information, pictures and software. However, our concern is the effect it will have on local business. Internet vendors purchase no local business license, nor do they collect or pay state, county or village taxes. This has a potential long term effect on our community. The money to establish and maintain police and fire departments, pave our streets, and provide hundreds of local services is denied from our local sales tax base. Use the Internet to research your purchase, compare prices and brands, but purchase the item you need from a local merchant.

Local businesses are owned by your friends and neighbors, they provide a friendly, personal touch and can offer invaluable insights, advice and services that you just can't get over a computer modem. These services can make a tremendous difference when purchasing an unfamiliar product and can offer you, the consumer, the support you need. Local businesses are a part of our community and as such participate and even sponsor local events, charities, sports teams, etc.

Support our local businesses and Shop Oak Lawn.

Oak Lawn Auto Dealers Form Association

Oak Lawn Auto Dealers have formed an association to market Oak Lawn as the *New & Used Car Mecca of the Area.* The dealers participating in the association are:

Shirey Cadillac	Jack Thompson Oldsmobile
Mancari Chrysler	Oak Lawn Toyota
Hawkinson Ford	Kelly Nissan
Haggerty Pontiac / Volkswagon / GMC	Hawk Lincoln-Mercury
Pete Georges Chevrolet	Daewoo

The Village of Oak Lawn supports and encourages this joint endeavor. "The competition in the auto business keeps getting bigger and bigger," stated Mayor Ernie Kolb. "In order to compete on the same level and maintain our leadership in car sales, we must work together," he added.

The association has held meetings already this year. They have formalized a plan and have chosen the firm of J. Halcomb Advertising to represent the dealers association in both print and billboard marketing to begin in March. A car show for downtown Oak Lawn is being planned for the year 2000.

So remember, when you're in the market for a new or used car or truck, the Oak Lawn Auto Dealers Association members have it!

The Following Businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of December 1998 through February 1999

Banner Temporary Services, Inc.

Crown Recycling & Waste Services

Illinois Title Loans

J & G Enterprises, Inc. d/b/a Pasanderic's Pizza

Land & Lakes Company

Masterprint, Inc.

Motion Industries, Inc. (Berry Bearing Division)

New China Buffet

Studio 21 Hair Salon & Day Spa

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Americorp Mortgage

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Club 21

Crossmont Home Health Care, Ltd.

El Gallo De Oro

H & R Block

Midwest Title Loans

Outback Trading Company

Advocate Mortgage Inc.

Somerset Draperies & Blinds, Inc.

District 4 — Steve Rosenbaum

Over the last two years regular Town Hall Neighborhood Meetings have been held for residents of the 4th District. These meetings have proven quite informative for me, and I hope for the attendees. Residents have brought forth suggestions, concerns and issues as varied as obstructed stop signs and unsafe sidewalk conditions to recommendations on businesses that the village should seek to attract.

Your input is sought and I hope you will mark your calendar for June 1, the next 4th District Neighborhood Meeting. (The tentative location is the Salem United Church, 9717 S. Kostner, at 8:00 p.m.)

One of the items discussed at recent 4th District meetings has been the growth of the "Payday Loan/Car Title Loan" businesses. At press time, the Illinois Senate's Financial Institutions Committee, chaired by our State Senator Patrick O'Malley, has scheduled a public hearing in Oak Lawn to review this issue. These companies have mushroomed up throughout Illinois and are a concern to many local and state officials. Testimony will be provided at the hearing in an effort to stem any questionable practices by these entities.

Lastly, please be cautious driving. Warm weather months brings out bike riders and children playing. Let us all make a commitment to slow down for safety.

Summer Concert Schedule - Special Events Commission

Planned as a relaxing Sunday evening in the Park, The Special Events Commission will host a monthly concert. Each month has a different theme ending with "Fall on the Green" which has something for everybody.

On these Sunday evenings we encourage you to bring your friends and family and a picnic basket and enjoy the entertainment. Limited refreshments will be available.

Consider this Ravinia Southwest!

1999 CALENDAR OF EVENTS
OAK LAWN SPECIAL EVENTS COMMISSION

MAY 16	**CHANGING TIMES WESTERN BAND**	**7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

JUNE 13	**WEISS BROS. SWING BAND**	**7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

JULY 18	**BRASS TRACKS JAZZ BAND** **MARDI GRAS NIGHT**	**7:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

SEPTEMBER 11	**FALL ON THE GREEN**	**11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**
SEPTEMBER 12	**FALL ON THE GREEN**	**11:00 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.**

NOVEMBER 21	**HOLIDAY PARADE**	**1:30 P.M.**

CRAFTERS WANTED

We are accepting applications for our Craft Show taking place Sept. 11 & 12 in conjunction with our 4th Annua **Fall on the Green** Festival. We welcome new and original crafters. We appreciate your handiwork, and we would love to include you in our festivities. We are working harder than ever to continue the success of this neighborhood family festival. If you would like to be included, please contact the Village Clerk's office at 499-7738 or, contact Renae Schuenemann at 630-739-1071.

FALL ON THE GREEN

Music • Food • Games • Crafts • Beverages and Bingo

Saturday, September 11 **Sunday, September 12**

Landecker and Franz Benteler return this year along with new musical groups and games. We have added Bingo to benefit Park Lawn and a sidewalk coloring contest is in the works.

Oak Lawn T-Shirts

The Village of Oak Lawn won First Place in the T-shirt design contest held at the Chicago Southland Convention & Visitors Bureau Expo.

T-shirts are available at the Fall on the Green Festival Information booth.

DISTRICT 6 — Bill Keane

I hope to see you at our concerts this year. I know you will enjoy yourself.

This summer I plan to walk each block of District 6, notebook in hand, to discuss your concerns. Look for me.

CONSTRUCTION – 109th Street from Kostner to Keeler will be paved this year, and the engineering on 103rd Street will be done this year with actual construction done next year. I can be reached at 425-2309.

Fire Department

As springtime approaches and our thoughts drift towards the warm days ahead, the list of summertime activities is sure to include; baseball and soccer games, weekend trips to summer cottages, golf, picnics, family outings, etc.

Invariably however, somewhere among the many things we WANT to do, there is a list of the things we SHOULD and HAVE to do. Unfortunately for most of us, the second list is always longer than the first.

So, as the spring clean-up begins, the following safety tips may be helpful.

1. Be sure to replace the batteries and test each of the smoke detectors in your home. Now is also the perfect time to update or design and practice a family home fire escape plan.

2. Be sure to clean-up any debris left by the winter and spring storms surrounding your home. Such debris can often cause a variety of accidental injuries to children and adults alike.

3. Be sure to store all pool chemicals, pesticides, flammable liquids and other such materials in a safe manner;

    a. Keep materials in the original containers.
    b. Store materials as recommended on the containers label.
    c. Store containers in an area where children will not have access to them.

4. Never dump any old or unknown chemicals or liquids down a home drain or street sewer. Collect any such materials and:

    a. Keep the materials in the original container or label the "secondary" container with all appropriate product information.
    b. Store the materials in a cool, secure location.
    c. Bring the materials to the next "Hazardous Waste Disposal Day" conducted in your area so that all items may be disposed of properly.

5. Whenever using a lawn mower, be sure to:

    a. Wear a good pair of shoes and long pants.
    b. Stay clear of the cutting area of the mower at all times. Be aware of children who may be nearby and who are always curious.
    c. Never attempt to add fuel to a ***HOT*** lawn mower engine or smoke while fueling any such equipment.

For additional information or questions, please contact the Oak Lawn Fire Department at 499-7700.

District 2 — Ron Stancik

Please be advised that I am continuing the "Trustee Is In" program. This program provides for a personal and confidential meeting with me to discuss your thoughts and concerns about the Village.

When: 1st Saturday of the Month
9 a.m. to noon

Where: Second floor Village Hall
9446 S. Raymond

In addition, I am expanding the program to solicit your written response on various issues. Please mail responses to 9446 S. Raymond c/o Ron Stancik. This issue's question is:

As your Village Trustee, what issue would you like me to develop or seek a solution for?

As always, I truly appreciate your feedback as it provide me with an excellent source of information.

Ron

MAY, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Yard Waste	Yard waste must be placed in containers specifically marked with yard waste stickers. Decals are available at the Village Hall. Branches must be cut in 4 ft. sections, tied and placed at the curb. Sprinkling Hours - 7 am to 11 am and 7 pm to 11 pm daily. Sprinkler Systems: midnight to 5 am. Curfew for children under 18 is 11 pm Sunday thru Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday.					1 GARAGE SALES are permitted with the purchase of a permit from the Police Department.
2	3 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	4	5 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	6 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	7	8
9 **MOTHERS DAY**	10 Business Development 7:30 pm	11 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	12	13 Quality Control 7:30 pm	14	15 **Armed Forces Day**
16 **Country & Western Concert** **7 - 10 pm**	17 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	18 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	19	20 Education Summit 4:00 pm Public Works 7:30 pm	21	22
23	24 PR/Cable TV 7:30 pm	25 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	26	27 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Village Hall Closed					

JUNE, 1998

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Don't Forget! The Farmers Market Opens on June 23rd.	1 1999-2000 Vehicle Stickers Go On Sale	2 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	3 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	4	5
6	7 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	8 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	9	10 Quality Control 7:30 pm	11	12 **Oak Lawn Parks Foundation Golf Day**
13 **Weiss Brothers Swing Orchestra** **7 - 10 pm**	14 Business Development 7:30 pm	15 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	16	17 Public Works 7:30 pm	18	19
20 **FATHERS DAY**	21 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	22 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	23 Farmers Market Opens 7 am - 2 pm	24 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm	25	26
27	28 PR/Cable TV 7:30 pm	29	30 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm	Curfew for children under 18 is 11 pm Sunday thru Thursday and midnight Friday and Saturday. Vehicle Sticker deadline is August 15th. Penalty goes into effect August 16th. Dogs must be leashed when off owners premises.		

JULY, 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
CONCERT ON THE GREEN - Brass Tracks Sunday, July 18th 7 to 10 pm. Bring a chair or blanket for lawn seating. Park District Fireworks Show at Richards H.S. Sunday, July 4th. Don't forget to purchase your vehicle sticker. $10 penalty if you miss the August 15th deadline.				1 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	2	3
4 **INDEPENDENCE DAY**	5 **Village Hall Closed**	6	7 Farmers Market 7:00 am to 2 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	8 Quality Control 7:30 pm	9	10
11	12 Business Development 7:30 pm	13 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	14 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	15 Public Works 7:30 pm	16	17
18 **Mardi Gras 7-10 pm Brass Tracks**	19 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	20 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	21 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	22 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm	23	24
25	26 PR/Cable Tv/S.W. 7:30 pm	27 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	28 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	29	30	31

AUGUST, 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	3	4 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	5 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	6	7
8	9 Business Development 7:30 pm	10 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	11 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	12 Quality Control 7:30 pm	13	14 Village Hall Open 8:30 to Noon to purchase vehicle stickers.
15 1999-2000 Vehicle Sticker must be displayed! $10 penalty in effect.	16 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	17 Special Events 7:30 pm Environmental Concerns - 7:30 pm	18 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	19 Public Works 7:30 pm	20	21
22	23 PR/Cable TV 7:30 pm	24 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	25 Farmers Market 7 am to 2 pm	26 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm	27	28
29	30	31	FALL ON THE GREEN – Saturday, Sept. 11th and Sunday, Sept. 12th. Enjoy face painters, balloon artists, a craft show and live musical entertainment. Saturday's entertainment includes, American English, The Joe Elvis Show, John "Records" Landecker & The Legends. Sunday will feature Franz Bentler and the Royal Strings and a Country & Western Band. This year Park Lawn will sponsor a Bingo Tent. Plan to join us in the food and beer garden.			

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Oak Lawn Partnership

The Oak Lawn Community Partnership Council is committed to making Oak Lawn a better place to live and work for all. The Council encourages collaboration among local government, business, education and the community in order to stimulate citizens to take an active and responsible role in making their community vibrant and healthy.

The Council continues to develop programs to embrace the needs of the community. Servathon activities began last summer with volunteers assisting needy residents with basic home repairs. Volunteers also raked leaves and shoveled snow for homeowners. The Council recognized Lynn Craig from the Council and Jerry Hurkes, District 1 Trustee, for their efforts in coordinating the Servathon activities. Jim Pacetti from the Oak Lawn Police Department also was instrumental in making the program successful.

Other programs the Partnership sponsors include the Dental Survey Program, a free dental screening for school children, and the Partnership Webpage. The Partnership will also sponsor child safety activities, blood pressure screenings, and other activities at the 1999 Fall on the Green.

If you are interested in joining the Council and can commit to helping making Oak Lawn a healthier, safer community, please call Jim Craig at 424-5323.

Y2K UPDATE

The Year 2000 (Y2K) issue has been increasingly publicized over the past couple of months. To achieve compliance, the Village of Oak Lawn is doing the following:

- Formal Y2K Project Plan in place
- Y2K presentation to all managers
- Water systems are Y2K compliant
- 911 Call Center is Y2K compliant
- Water Billing and Financial Software replacement scheduled for 3rd and 4th Quarter of 1999

Starting in April, we will be providing Year 2000 Project updates on our web site. Our web address is:

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Downtown Revitalization . . .

A Guarantee For The Future

Communities all across the country have learned the hard way that an unattractive and outdated downtown drags the rest of the municipality down.

The conditions of downtown areas have become a barometer that is critical to new and successful businesses locating in that community.

Potential residents and businesses tend to look at a community's downtown as an indication of the quality of life offered by that community.

A vision of the future must be maintained and the planning for that future must project into the next century. Downtown revitalization cannot be an effort to save marginal businesses that do not serve the needs of the majority of consumers but must provide for a mix of established successful businesses with new consumer driven stores and shops.

We have become a mobile society, that mobility has made accessibility to shopping areas a major consideration.

Accessibility translates into three areas of planning:

1. **Updated and adequate streets and highways for shoppers to get to the area**. Our major commercial arteries, 95th Street and Cicero Avenue serve the community well. Business thrives on both of these thoroughfares due to traffic density. They are constantly being upgraded and are in good repair.
2. **Safe and convenient parking from those streets and highways.** The Village of Oak Lawn has consistently addressed the need for parking not just through creating more parking areas but also planning for better management of the existing parking supply.
3. **Visibility of the shopping and parking areas from the streets and highways.** Older storefronts with the faded 1950's look that sit within a few feet of major commercial arteries are a signal that the business community has not responded to the desires of a mobile consumer core.

Parking located behind retail businesses is often cramped and inaccessible from 95th Street. Relocation and redesign of those areas will allow shoppers the ability to access our businesses from major commercial streets safely and conveniently.

The most successful redesign of storefront areas on commercial arteries where traffic flow is very dense, features up front parking availability, line of sight store frontage from the traffic lanes and attractive and comfortable pedestrian walkways to and from the retail establishments.

There are many myths about downtown revitalization and two of the most damaging are: 1) If we complete one major project they will come and 2) Competition is bad for businesses.

The completion of one major project with expectations that "everything else will take care of itself" does not work. Commonly called the "Silver Bullet Approach" it typifies many communities downtown revitalization failures.

Downtown revitalization does not occur from isolated projects. Successful revitalization requires a multifaceted and broad area based effort. One project area should flow naturally into the next until the entire downtown area is rejuvenated.

Competition is the lifeblood of successful commercial districts. The most successful downtown areas both old and new are those in which similar and compatible businesses, with new arrivals challenging established merchants is actually very good for business. Communities unable or unwilling to recruit new businesses to their downtown areas will fall behind and eventually suffer local economic depression.

The Village of Oak Lawn in adopting a comprehensive plan has declared itself to be on the move toward the 21st Century. The vision necessary to make changes is essential to the economic well being of the Village.

The following businesses have applied for business licenses during the period of April 1999 to June 1999

Autoworks of Oak Lawn
Burton Brothers Heating & A/C
Creative Carpet Inc.
Dollar Store
Geno's Decorating, Inc.
Leslie's Poolmart, Inc.
Lighthouse Financial Group, Inc.
Macer's Jewelers, Inc.
Mortgage Professionals of America
Nancy Koss Salon & Spa
One Fine Day
Quick Suds Oak Lawn, Inc.
Rokaitis Industries
Skillet House
Sunship International Inc.
Superior Ambulance
Tasty Treats Vending
Tone Productions
Universal Websites, Inc.

Strictly Business . . .

The Village of Oak Lawn derives most of its income to provide services to its residents (police, fire, emergency and infrastructure construction and maintenance) from taxes. The three most identifiable are property taxes, commercial and residential, sales tax from retail sales and income taxes.

Sales Taxes

Oak Lawn has approximately 700,000 square feet of retail space primarily located in commercial, strip and corridor retail malls and centers. The strength of Oak Lawn's retail market is reflected in the amount of local retail sales tax collected.

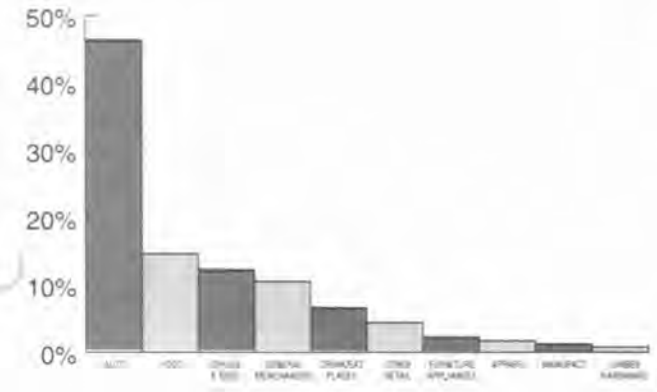
The Illinois Department of Revenue reports that local sales tax returned to the Village of Oak Lawn in 1998 totaled nearly 9.3 million dollars. Based upon a one percent local sales tax this translates into 930 - million dollars in retail sales in the Village.

In the State of Illinois rankings of sales tax receipts by municipalities the Village of Oak Lawn ranks 18th in the state. This is an amazing figure for a Village which has approximately 58,000 residents and does not have a major mall, gambling facility or large university within its boundaries.

Where does most of the sales tax come from?

The Illinois Department of Revenue figures released for 1998 give the following breakdown:

Automobiles & automobile related business	46.1%
Food	14.6%
Drugs/Miscellaneous retail	12.1%
General Merchandise	10.5%
Drinking and eating places	6.5%
Other retail	4.4%
Furniture / Appliances	2.2%
Apparel	1.7%
Manufacturing	1.2%
Lumber / Hardware	.8%



Property Taxes

Cook County assesses property as a percentage of market value. Residential property is assessed at the lowest rate.

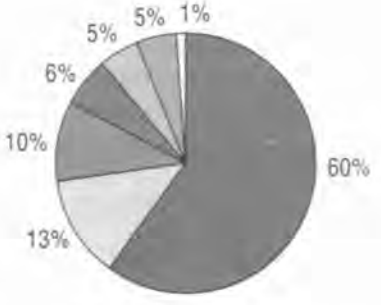
Property Type	Percentage of Market Value
Residential	16%
Apartment Buildings (6+ units)	33%
Commercial	38%
Industrial	36%
Vacant Lots	22%

	Residential	Commercial
Market Value	$200,000.00	$200,000.00
Assessment Rate	16%	38%
Assessed Value*	$32,000.00	$76,000.00
Tax Rate per $100 Assessed Value	$9.50	$9.50
Annual Tax Bill	$3,040.00	$7,220.00

*example does not take into account the state equalization factor

Real estate taxes paid by Oak Lawn residents and businesses go to several taxing bodies. Below is the approximate percentage distributed to the governmental bodies.

Property Tax Distribution	Approximate Percentage of Bill
School Districts	60%
Village of Oak Lawn	13%
Cook County	10%
Oak Lawn Park District	6%
Oak Lawn Library	5%
Metropolitan Water Reclamation District	5%
Other	1%



State Income Tax

The State of Illinois imposes an income tax on individuals and corporations. The rate is 3% for individuals and 4.8% for corporations. One-tenth of the income tax collected by State is distributed to municipal governments based on population. The Village of Oak Lawn received 3.9 million during 1998. The Village is anticipating receiving over 4.1 million in 1999.

Around Town . . .

Win a Trip to DISNEY WORLD

Each year over 4,000 people are killed and more than 10,000 injured by fire within the United States. Additionally, more people continue to die from fire in their own homes than in any other location. To help combat these statistics, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has developed the "Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" program.

The Oak Lawn Fire Department is proud to support the efforts of the NFPA and are encouraging each resident of Oak Lawn to develop a home fire escape plan. A home fire escape plan should consist of these four major components:

1. Working smoke detectors
2. Two ways out of each room
3. A meeting place
4. Lots of practice

On October 6, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., the NFPA is inviting residents to practice their home fire escape plans by exiting their homes at the same time. Additionally, those families who develop a home fire escape plan and, submit their plan to the Oak Lawn Fire Department no later than October 1, 1999, will be eligible to win a trip for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida, compliments of the NFPA.

Official contest entry forms will be sent to each school in Oak Lawn in early September. Additional entry forms will be available at each Oak Lawn Fire Station. All entry forms must be returned to the Oak Lawn Fire Department no later than October 1, 1999. All forms may be dropped off at, or mailed to:

Oak Lawn Fire Department
6451 W. 93rd Street
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Attn: NFPA Contest

For additional information please contact the Oak Lawn Fire Prevention Bureau at 499-7700.

A Conference On Issues Affecting Seniors

When: September 24, 1999
Where: Oak Lawn Hilton
What time: 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m.

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Oak Lawn Community Partnership Helps the Homeless

In 1996, the Oak Lawn Community Partnership performed a needs assessment to determine areas of concern in Oak Lawn. Through this assessment, homelessness was identified as an important issue in Oak Lawn and the surrounding communities.

Through the Partnership, the Oak Lawn Clergy Association, was formed. This group of concerned clergy partnered with South Suburban PADS - Public Action to Deliver Shelter - to develop a local homeless shelter program.

In the fall of 1998, two churches in Oak Lawn and one in Burbank opened their doors to provide emergency overnight shelter and food to the area homeless. Those in need were also referred to social service agencies and area hospitals for additional services.

Presently, plans are underway to add more shelter sites for the 1999-2000 season. PADS shelters are open from mid-October to mid-April. Volunteers are needed to staff the shelter sites, prepare and serve meals, transport linen, recruit volunteers and for clerical support. You need only commit 4-5 hours per month.

Training sessions for all PADS volunteers will be on Sunday, September 12, 1999 at 1:00 p.m. at Oak Lawn Community Church at 9000 S. Ridgeland Ave.

For more information or to volunteer, call the PADS office at **708-754-4357** and ask for Barb. You can make a difference – call today!

Senior Center Fall Classes

MILD EXERCISE

Every Friday morning at 11:00 a.m. a group of men and women meet at the Center for a mild exercise workout.

The 45-minute session consists of stretching exercise and working muscle groups while seated or standing behind the chair for balance.

There is an $8.00 charge for a ten-week session.

TAI CHI

The Tai Chi Class will resume after Labor Day. The class meets at the Senior Center on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. and the cost is $25.00 for a six-week session.

This modified form of Tai Chi is slow and enhances balance and breathing. (There is no kicking). It is a tranquil form exercise that helps the mind, body and spirit. Classes are for Oak Lawn residents 50 years of age or older.

If you are interested in either of these classes you can call the Senior Center at 499-0240.

Safe Schools . . .

Safe Schools for our Community

Communities cannot afford to be complacent in their efforts to make schools safe. Today incidents have grown more violent and require a much more extensive police-community response. The Oak Lawn Police Department has taken a proactive stance in fostering an environment of mutual trust and open communication with the schools in order to stay in contact with the needs of our children and provide for their safety. Through the following programs, we are continuously interacting with children of all ages.

D.A.R.E. – Drug Abuse Resistance Education
D.A.R.E. is a comprehensive program designed to prevent substance abuse and violence by educating children in grades K through 12. D.A.R.E. focuses on building self-esteem, resisting negative peer pressure and positive alternatives to drugs.

E.D.G.E. – Education for Gang Evasion
E.D.G.E. addresses 7th & 8th grade students on the dangers of street gangs and the devastation they bring to family and community. E.D.G.E. students learn the consequences of violent behavior and how they can resolve their differences through behavior modification and conflict resolution techniques.

Gang Investigation Unit
This Unit has taken an aggressive approach in identifying gangs and members living in Oak Lawn as well as monitoring their activities. This unit has been dedicated to keeping our community gang free for the past five years. This Unit has officers available to speak at community meetings and has had a ride along training program with the Chicago Police Department.

Multi-Regional Gang Investigators
Oak Lawn Police Department has been hosting and participating in monthly meetings for five years for the exchange of information from many police departments relating to intelligence and information regarding gang members and their movement.

High School District 218 Police Liaison
In 1991 at the request of School District 218, a liaison police officer was assigned to Richards High School. He assists students in dealing with individual problems and concerns. He provides a preventive presence in the school in order to reduce loitering, drug/alcohol traffic, assaults and other actions of anti-social behavior. He attends school functions and has had a positive impact on the school and its students.

Youth Peer Jury Program
Is an alternative used to divert nonviolent first time youth offenders from formal court action. Offenders can choose to participate in a teen court process and comply with a sentence imposed by a jury of their peers that have been trained in juvenile law.

Tactical Response Team – SWAT
Is used to respond to high risk and life threatening situations. The Team has conducted training in local schools in order to provide for an effective response should a situation present itself. The Team has done walk-throughs to ensure that we are aware of the layout and locations of rooms within the schools.

K-9 Patrol
Ofc. Joe Stubbs and K-9 Balt are well known among the children of Oak Lawn and are highly respected. They play a positive public relations role throughout the village. They have also been called upon by Oak Lawn High School to search for narcotics on a number of occasions.

In addition to the above, the Oak Lawn Police Department sponsors the Stranger/Danger Program, Bike Patrol, Cadet Program, Patrol Training and Career Days.

The Police Department on May 19th sent 25 representatives from both the department and school administrators to a "SAFE SCHOOLS FOR OUR COMMUNITY" seminar sponsored by Northeast Multi-Regional Training in an effort to provide a safe environment for our children.

The youth of our community are an investment for the future. The Oak Lawn Police Department will continue its efforts to provide and ensure feelings of safety in our schools as well as respect for our department and the children of our community.

AVAILABILITY OF SEX OFFENDERS' LIST

The Oak Lawn Police Department maintains a Sex Offenders List available to the public for viewing seven days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the Police Department front desk. The person requesting to view the list will need a photo I.D.

Parents . . . Teenagers . . . and the Law

A Message To Parents

Parenting may be one of the most difficult challenges that you face in your life. Knowing the rules and the consequences for breaking the law can help you and your child. This article provides information concerning the law and your child. We hope it provides an opportunity for open discussion between you and your child.

Parental Responsibility

As a parent or guardian, you are legally responsible for your child's behavior. For example, you are liable for a child under the age of 21 who is permitted to consume alcohol at your residence and after leaving the premises causes injury to an individual or damage to property.

Alcohol	• Its against the law for any person under the age of 21 to consume, purchase or possess alcohol. • Parents may be held responsible if their children consume, possess or purchase alcohol. • The use of false identification to purchase alcohol is against the law. No adult may purchase alcohol for anyone under 21. • No owner or occupant of any premise in Oak Lawn shall permit a person under 21 to possess or consume alcohol on the premises.
Drugs & Paraphernalia	• State law mandates that no person may knowingly possess, manufacture, sell or deliver any controlled substance. • The law prohibits any person from growing, possessing, giving away, delivering or distributing marijuana. • The possession, sale or delivery of drug paraphernalia is also prohibited.
Tobacco	• It is against the law for anyone under the age of 18 to smoke or possess tobacco in the Village of Oak Lawn. • No minor under 18 shall buy any tobacco product. The use of false identification to purchase tobacco is also an offense. • No adult may purchase tobacco products for anyone under 18. • It is unlawful for vendors to sell tobacco products to any person under the age of 18. • Parents may be held responsible for a violation and may be required to make court appearance and pay a fine.
Curfew	• Unless accompanied by a responsible adult, children under the age of 18 must be home between 11:00 p.m. and 6:00 a.m. However on Friday and Saturday, curfew begins at 12:00 a.m. • Parents and teens should be aware that other communities may have curfew laws that are more or less restrictive than Oak Lawn's.
Vandalism	• No person shall knowingly or recklessly damage or cause to be damaged any property of another person. • Parents may be held responsible for any act of vandalism or criminal damage committed by their minor child. • As a parent, you may be required to make a court appearance and may be ordered to make restitution.
Fireworks	• It is unlawful for any person to possess or discharge fireworks in the Village of Oak Lawn and the State of Illinois. • Some examples of fireworks are: devices in which explosives are used, Roman candles, sparklers and other similar devices.
Weapons	• State law prohibits anyone from carrying a concealed (on or about their person) pistol, revolver, or other firearm, metal knuckles, throwing stars, knives or other dangerous weapons. • In the Village of Oak Lawn, it is unlawful for any person to fire or discharge a gun, pistol or other firearm. • All weapons are prohibited in Oak Lawn schools. This includes knives of any length and toy guns.
School Truancy Trespassing	• Pagers are prohibited in Oak Lawn schools and may be subjected to seizure. • No medications, including aspirin, may be brought to school unless they are to be dispensed by the school nurse. • School District policies and State law require children under the age of 16 to attend school. • Parents may be held criminally responsible for truant children.
Driving Privileges	• As a parent you may be required to appear in court for your minor child that receives a citation for violation of a traffic law. • The driver's license of a 16-year-old is not valid after curfew except if he/she is driving home from work. • If you are under the age of 18, you may lose driving privileges for violation of various laws related to drugs, alcohol or violating other statutes.

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
COOPERATIVE TREE PLANTING PROGRAM
ON MUNICIPAL PARKWAYS

A 50/50 COST SHARING PROGRAM
BETWEEN PROPERTY OWNERS AND THE VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN

This program is available exclusively for tree planting in Village parkways. There is a two tree per household limit on the number of trees which can be planted as part of this program. All planting sites must meet spacing requirements for Village approval.

VILLAGE RESPONSIBILITIES

- Administration and coordination of program
- Selection and administration of parkway tree specie list
- Coordination of tree purchasing, delivery and installation
- Supervising of planting operations
- Enforcement of policy which prevents the planting of tall and/or fast growing tree species on Village property under electric utility lines.

HOMEOWNER RESPONSIBILITIES

- Selection of tree specie from list provided by the Village.
- Reimbursement to the Village **one-half of total cost** ***(tree and planting cost)***
- Watering (when necessary)
- Fertilizing (if necessary)

Residents are advised to contact John Finnell, Village Forester for the Village of Oak Lawn for additional information regarding the program at 708-499-7098.

PARKWAY SPACE REQUIREMENTS FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE 50/50 PARKWAY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE MINIMUM CRITERIA EACH PARKWAY LOCATION SHOULD HAVE BEFORE A TREE PLANTING IS SCHEDULED.

- The parkway is to have a width of six feet (6´) or more
- The planting site is to be six feet (6´) or more from driveways
- The planting site is to be thirty-five feet (35´) from intersections
- The planting site is to be ten feet (10´) from individual water service line valves (B-Boxes), valves boxes, and fire hydrants
- The planting site is to be approximately forty feet (40´) from existing parkway trees or other planting sites
- The planting site should have overhead space without overhanging crowns from other trees or vegetation
- Only tree species with a mature height of less than thirty (30) feet will be planted under utility lines.

Proper spacing between planting sites has several benefits. Adequate space between trees allows each individual tree to develop a large, healthy crown. Space between trees also limits the possibility of sight obstructions and traffic conflicts. When utility excavations need to occur, space between trees reduces the chances of extensive stem or root damage which could lead to tree decline.

TREE DESCRIPTIONS - FALL 1999

Bur Oak (*Quercus macrocarpa*) – A native oak, which at maturity reaches heights between 50-60 feet with a broad spreading canopy. Its deeply lobed leaves distinguish the Bur Oak. This tree requires a large area for healthy development. Many examples of this species can be seen around Parkside Ave., Brandt Ave., and 96th Street.

Swamp White Oak (*Quercus biscolor*) – A pyramidal tree with a formal outline, maturing at 40-50 feet. The foliage is a beautiful glossy green. This tree requires less area for a healthy development than Bur Oak. Two examples of this species can be seen at the Village Green.

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Red Oak (*Quercus rubra*) – This magnificent native tree is fast growing and long lived, reaching heights of 50-60 ft. It has lustrous dark green leaves that turn maroon to red in the Fall. The Red Oak has a rounded crown made up of stout, spreading branches. It tolerates heavy traffic, making it an efficient street tree.

Hackberry (*Celtis occidentalis*) – This native tree often features the American Elm's vase crown at maturity, without being susceptible to Dutch Elm Disease. Hackberry's most distinct characteristic is the corky appearance of its bark. It does well in urban conditions and is gaining popularity as a landscape tree. There are several mature specimens dispersed throughout Oak Lawn.

Littleleaf Linden (*Tilia cordata)* – An excellent shade tree, known for its fragrant flowers that bloom in June or July, this tree tolerates air pollution and other urban conditions. The Linden has a dense, pyramidal canopy. It has been over planted in some areas. Lindens can be seen in the Village Green and the North parking lot of the Municipal Center.

Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*) – A conifer with pale green, fern-like foliage that loses its leaves in the Fall, making it one of the few conifers to do so. The leaves turn an elegant rusty red in the Fall. It can reach heights of 45-55 ft. The pyramidal form of the Bald Cypress creates a truly majestic site. It is hardy and adaptable, making it an excellent, long-lived urban or street tree.

Kentucky Coffee Tree (*Gymnocladus dioicus*) – Often called the (ugly duckling), this tree looks bar for its first couple of years. It then develops into a beautiful upright tree providing a light shade, making it well worth the wait. A contorted growth habit and large compound leaves gives this tough street tree a unique look. Male species are used in order to avoid messy fruit problems.

White Ash (*Fraxinus americana*) – A native to the area, this species is a hardy street tree. It reaches 50 ft. with an oval crown shape. This tree looks gorgeous in the Fall with a modest reddish-purple color. White ash is a good substitute for the over planted green ash. Examples of this tree can be seen on Raymond Ave. east of the Village Hall.

Regal Elm (*Ulmus spp.*) – This hybrid from Wisconsin is resistant to Dutch Elm Disease. It is the fastest growing tree offered, with a strong central leader and upright branching. It grows to heights of 40-50 ft. at maturity. The Regal Elm has glossy green leaves that turn yellow in Fall. It is one of the first trees to leaf out in the spring. The dense form of this elm works to screen out noise and dust commonly associated with high traffic areas. Its high tolerance to salt and other urban conditions is increasing the Regal Elm's popularity as a street tree.

Freeman Maple (*Accer rubrum freemanii*) – Hardy and drought tolerant, this new hybrid is expected to have good potential for the midwest. The Morton Arboretum in Lisle has some mature specimens. It is a fast growing tree with deep green leaves and a dazzling orange-red Fall color. This tree can reach 50-70 ft. at maturity.

Crimson King Norway Maple (*Acer platanoides*) – The Crimson King variety of Norway Maple has dark red leaves and a very dense crown, with little Fall color. It can reach up to heights of 50 ft. at maturity. A gorgeous tree, however it has been over planted in many neighborhoods.

Gingko (*Gingko biloba*) – The oldest tree on the fossil record (over 150 million years old!), this native tree has an exotic look, with Japanese fan shaped leaves. The use of the Gingko for its medicinal properties is growing in popularity. It has a pyramidal form with spectacular gold-yellow Fall color. While slow growing, the gingko will do well with a little TLC.

Flowering Crabapple (*Malus spp.*) – These crabs are resistant to the scab disease that often infects the older crabs in the Village. They produce a persistent fruit and ravishing red or white spring flowers.

Serviceberry (*Amelanchier arborea*) – This is a beautiful little tree with white spring flowers and red/crimson Fall colors. The fruit is edible if you can beat the birds to them. There are several planted through the Dearborn Heights neighborhood under utility lines.

Peking Tree Lilac (*Syringa pekinensis*) – This species is very similar to lilac hedges, however it is a tree and can reach 20 feet in height. It has creamy white flowers, that bloom later than other lilacs, mid to late May. The flowers are very similar looking to the other lilacs, but not as fragrant. It has graceful upright growth habit, making it ideal for planting under utility lines.

Hedge Maple (*Acer campestre*) – A native to Europe this is a small maple that can reach a height of 35 ft. It has a very dense crown and dark green leaves. It is considered slow growing but can be pushed with proper care. Please be sure to have a second choice, because there may not be too many available.

Grey Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*) – This small dogwood only grows to heights of about 12-15 feet. It has dark green leaves that turn a purplish red in the Fall. Brilliant white flowers bloom from late May to early June. The small size of the Grey Dogwood makes it look more like a shrub than a tree, so it will not interfere with utility lines.

If you have any questions, suggestions or would like more information please call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

VILLAGE OF OAK LAWN
50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program

The Village of Oak Lawn is sponsoring a 50/50 Parkway Tree Planting Program. This Village service enables residents to share the cost of parkway trees, with the Village and resident each pay half the cost of the tree and tree planting. **The deadline for the Fall season planting is September 15, 1999. All applications received after September 15, will be considered for the Spring season.** To participate in the cost share program, please submit payment, as well as this completed form to the Village. For more information, please call John Finnell, the Village Forester at 499-7098.

(Please print or type all information)

Resident's Name _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

Quantities are limited, please specify your first and second choice. Trees can be planted in the parkway only, between the curb and the sidewalk. Please follow spacing guidelines, in most cases one tree per residence is recommended. Village staff will advise on appropriate planting locations in the parkway. Tree size is 2.5" in caliper. **Tree are not guaranteed. Tree Replacement will be at the discretion of the Village Forester.** Should overhead utilities exist along the parkway village staff must approve the final selection of trees.

SPECIES	RESIDENT'S COST	1st CHOICE	2nd CHOICE
Bur Oak	$115.00		
Swamp White Oak	$115.00		
Red Oak	$115.00		
Hackberry	$115.00		
Littleleaf Linden	$115.00		
Bald Cypress	$115.00		
Kentucky Coffee Tree	$115.00		
Regal Elm	$130.00		
White Ash	$130.00		
Freeman Maple	$130.00		
Crimson King Norway Maple	$130.00		
Gingko (2.0" caliper)	$130.00		

The following tree species are approved for planting under utility wires.

SPECIES	RESIDENT'S COST (Tree, Delivery & Installation)	1st CHOICE	2nd CHOICE
Flowering Crabapple	$ 90.00		
Serviceberry	$115.00		
Peking Tree Lilac	$115.00		
Hedge Maple	$115.00		
Grey Dogwood	$115.00		

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District News

Illinois General Assembly – Legislative Update

Senator Patrick O'Malley and State Representative Jim Brosnahan.

CHILD-PROTECTION LEGISLATION PROPOSED BY OAK LAWN VILLAGE BOARD MOVES FORWARD

Making parks and public facilities safer places to play for children is a goal of legislation sponsored by State Sen. Patrick O'Malley (R-Palos Park) and State Rep. James Brosnahan (D-Evergreen Park).

"Child sex offenders rob children of their trust and their innocence – the very qualities that make childhood such a special time," O'Malley said. "The Village of Oak Lawn asked Rep. Brosnahan and me to pass a law that would seek to keep child sex offenders away from children in public parks. Parents should not have to worry about sex offenders having access to areas where their children play."

Senate Bill 7 prohibits a child sex offender from approaching, contacting or communicating with persons younger than 18 in any public park building or property, unless the offender is a parent or guardian of a person younger than 18 who is present in the building or on the property.

As a legislator and a parent of four young children myself, I feel it is imperative we do all we can to protect young ones from all harm, but particularly from convicted child sex offenders," Brosnahan said. "Our children should be able to play in parks without fear of these sex offenders preying on them. We have to give law enforcement more tools to ensure that this doesn't happen and I believe that this piece of legislation that Sen. O'Malley and I sponsored accomplishes this."

A child sex offender is also prohibited from approaching, contacting or communicating with persons younger than 18 while loitering on a public way within 500 feet of a public park building or property, unless the offender is a parent or guardian of a person younger than 18 who is present in the building or on the property. Violators could face1-3 years behind bars.

The bill also prohibits child sex offenders from owning, operating, managing, being employed by, volunteering at, knowingly present at, or having any association with facilities providing programs or services directed toward persons younger than 18.

Approved April 26 by the Illinois Senate and May 13 by the House of Representatives, Senate Bill 7 becomes law when signed by Gov. George Ryan.

DISTRICT 1 — Trustee Jerry Hurckes

It has been almost a year since I was appointed as your Trustee in District #1. I have found the residents of the 1st District caring and community orientated people who care deeply with what goes on in their community. I find it a great privilege to serve such caring people. I am here to help. If we can be of any assistance please do not hesitate to contact me 599-7302.

After summer recess, I will once again hold **"The Trustee Is In"** meetings for the 1st District, on the last Saturday of each month at the David Johnston Center located at 9400 S. Oak Park, from 9:00 a.m. til Noon. I am there to answer any questions for you and your families, or provide the necessary paper work for your Village services.

The response was great from the residents in regards to the community meeting held this year. This same type of meeting will be held this Fall (November) and one in Spring (March). Look for further details as the date draws nearer. I enjoy conducting these meetings.They are a great way to meet you and learn about your concerns first hand.

Update on 87th Street . . . The Village had the cab stand on 87th & Major demolished as well as the auto shop on 87th & Mayfield. The gas station on 87th & Major and Massasoit has also been demolished, and development will take place shortly. There has been many inquiries into the developments on 87th Street. We want to take our time and do the job right, not agree to the first proposal. Stay tuned for a community meeting regarding the area when details become available.

Com-Ed . . . Com-Ed came before the Village board in May to update the board. They have trimmed and removed trouble trees in our area, updated circuitry, and installed lightening arrestors and animal protectors at numerous locations. There is still work to be done. Numerous areas are still experiencing power outages at the onset of a little bad weather, Com-Ed is investigating and will upgrade the necessary equipment once the investigations are completed. Please let me know if you experience a power outage so that it can be identified for future upgrades.

Flooding Problems . . . The Army Corp of Engineers is aggressively approaching construction, regarding Stoney Creek and the flooding in some of our neighborhoods, because Stoney Creek cannot flow properly with the Melvina Ditch (Nashville Ave.) flowing into each other. The proposal is to straighten out Melvina Ditch, which should alleviate most of the common problems. Special thanks to Congressman Lipinski who had led the effort to obtain the necessary Federal funds to keep this project flowing smoothly.

Central Ave . . . By this time Central Ave. should be completed. I realize that this County project was lengthy, although it was long overdue. Thank you for all your patience and support on this project. If there are any concerns regarding this project and your property please let me know.

J.J. Peppers on 95th & Oak Park . . . The permits are in and by print time of the newsletter construction should begin, with the opening scheduled for Spring of 2000.

95th & Ridgeland Traffic . . . I had numerous calls regarding the back-up of traffic on 95th Street, between Ridgeland and Harlem due to the closing of Southwest Hwy. We contacted the Illinois Transportation Dept. and requested them to change the timers on the lights to allow traffic to move along easier on 95th Street. This seems to have alleviated some of the problems, although Southwest Hwy. is scheduled to reopen in November.

Once again, we are here to help. If I can be of any assistance, please let me know.

DISTRICT 2 – Trustee Ron Stancik

Dear Residents:

I will never forget last Labor Day as we spent the "holiday" without electrical power after another one of our "hundred-year" rainfalls that occur twice a year.

At the time, I asked for your patience to allow me to work with ComEd in the most business-like manner possible. We have met regularly and accordingly I offer the following report:

> On Tuesday evenings, before the Board of Trustees Meetings, Mayor Kolb, Joe Faber, Lynn Krauss and myself met with Maureen Niswonger and her staff at ComEd. We identified the worst areas of power outages on our village grids and set out to have the problems corrected on a systematic basis. At each meeting, progress was reported at the next problem area was identified.

Quite honestly, I thought that most of our problems were solved until a microburst storm occurred as well as the effects on our power of a 103 degree day. These most recent outages have raised new concerns that the job is far from being completed. Please be assured that I am directly reporting your comments to ComEd.

We have met and renewed the process described above and will continue to regularly meet until power failures are distant memories.

DISTRICT 3 — Trustee Robert J. Streit

3rd District Meeting – Cook County Board of Review Chairman Maureen Murphy has been invited to be the guest speaker at our 3rd District meeting on Tuesday, October 5, 1999. The meeting will be held at the Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 Raymond Avenue at 7:30 p.m. The forum will be a question and answer Assessment Seminar. Maureen Murphy will address the concerns of residents who have recently received their triennial reassessment and may have questions about how to appeal if they believe they are not fairly assessed compared with neighboring properties. All property owners are encouraged to attend this seminar so they may learn about the assessment process and avenues for appeal.

Public Works Construction Projects – The following is a list of the 1999 Public Works construction projects scheduled for District 3, most of which will be completed this year:

- 1999 Street Resurfacing Program, which includes 97th St., Mansfield Ave. to Central Ave. and Brandt Ave, 95th St. to 97th St.
- 1999 Area Street Lighting, which includes the Columbus Manor area east of Southwest Hwy. and north of 99th St. (including Mason Ave.) , and the area south of 95th St. to 99th St. between Central Ave. and 54th Ave.
- Central Avenue Reconstruction (Cook County Highway Dept. project), which has a projected completion date of Aug. 27, 1999.
- Oak Lawn Lake/Creek Restoration Project, which is expected to be completed by October 1, 1999.
- Southwest Highway Median Planter project, scheduled for completion by November 1, 1999.
- Sidewalks along the north side of 97th St. between Menard and Mayfield Aves., and along both sides of McVicker Ave. from 95th St. to Southwest Hwy.

Please call my 3rd District office at 422-3600 to discuss these or any other village issues. As always, I am available everyday to meet with individuals or groups to address your concerns.

DISTRICT 4 — Trustee Steve Rosenbaum

There will be a 4th District Neighborhood Meeting on Tuesday, September 7th at 8:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Salem United Church, located at 9717 S. Kostner Ave.

The special guest at this meeting will be Commissioner Maureen Murphy, Chairman of the Cook County Board of Review. Commissioner Murphy will explain the new process on how to appeal your real estate property tax assessment. The Board of Review is in its first year of operation, replacing the former Board of Tax Appeals.

You are invited to attend to learn how this new process has been improved to assist you, the homeowner.

Late this fall, the Village Board will hold budget hearings. This is an opportunity to establish the Village's future priorities. If you have any thoughts on our existing programs or services, or new ideas for consideration, please let me know. Your input during budget deliberations is most welcome.

DISTRICT 6 — Trustee Bill Keane

These past few months have brought numerous complaints concerning the lack of maintenance and/or repair on many properties in our community. The Village must follow the legal requirements before we can enter private property and make the repairs necessary to bring the property up to code. The property is then liened to recover our costs. Unfortunately, many property owners know the legal requirements as well. They make the necessary repairs at the last moment or plead with a Cook County judge for more time. The end result is that we the residents live with the eyesores month after month.

To correct this situation, I have asked the Board of Trustees to move the housing court from the 5th District Courthouse in Bridgeview, back into the Village, as we did with our parking ticket court. This will enable us to handle these cases in a more timely manner, and the judge will be an Oak Lawn resident.

If you have questions or concerns please don't hesitate to call me at 425-2309.

SEPTEMBER 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
FALL ON THE GREEN – Saturday's entertainment includes American English; Joe "Elvis" Torrito and John "Records" Landecker. The Beer Garden will feature Hurricane Gumbo. Sunday will begin with Franz Benteler & the Royal Strings followed by The Lash. The Beer Garden will feature Giggle Water and the Bennett Brothers. Enjoy Bingo, Sidewalk Art, a Craft Show, the Jamaican One Man Band, Horse & Buggy Rides, and games for the kids. ***NO ADMISSION CHARGE & FREE PARKING***			1 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	2 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	3	4 District II "Trustee Is In" 9 am - Noon in the Municipal Center
5 I ♥ Fall	6 **LABOR DAY Village Hall Closed**	7 District IV Meeting 8:00 pm at Salem United Church	8 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm	9 Quality Control 7:30 pm	10	11 FALL ON THE GREEN 11 am to 11 pm John "Records" Landecker 8 pm to 10 pm
12 FALL ON THE GREEN 11 am to 10 pm Franz Benteler & the Royal Strings 3 pm to 6 pm	13 Business Development 7:30 pm	14 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	15 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm	16 Public Works 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	21 Human Serv. Bd. 8:00 pm Special Events 7:30 pm Env. Concerns 7:30 pm	22 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm	23 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	24	25 District I "Trustee Is Available" 9 am - Noon Johnston Center 94th & Oak Park Ave.
26 *Only 3 more weeks left to the Farmers Market*	27 PR / Cable TV 7:30 pm	28 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	29 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm District V Meeting 7:00 pm	30		

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OCTOBER 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
LEAF BAGS go on sale Tuesday, October 12th – Leaf Bag pick-up begins the week of October 25th and will be picked up on your regular garbage day. **Halloween Safety Tips** – Wear reflective clothing at night; travel in groups or with an adult and don't eat the candy until it is checked by an adult.				*Don't forget to watch "Good Things Begin With Oak Lawn" Thursdays @ 8:30 pm on Channel 43*	1	2 District II "Trustee Is In" 9 am - Noon in the Municipal Center
3	4 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	5 District III Meeting 7:30 pm in the Municipal Center	6 Farmers Market 7 am - 2 pm Appeals Board 8:00 pm	7 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	8	9
10 Leaf Bag Sale begins 10/12	11 **COLUMBUS DAY Village Hal Closed**	12 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	13 Last Farmers Market of 1999 7 am - 2 pm	14 Quality Control 7:30 pm	15	16
17	18 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	19 Human Serv. Bd. 8:00 pm Special Events 7:30 pm Env. Concerns 7:30 pm	20	21 Public Works 7:30 pm	22	23
24 BOO-TIFUL 31 Turn Clocks Back **Happy Halloween**	25 Leaf Bag Pick-Up Begins PR / Cable TV 7:30 pm	26 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	27	28 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	29	30 District I "Trustee Is Available" 9 am - Noon Johnston Center 94th & Oak Park Ave.

NOVEMBER 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	2	3 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	4 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	5 Watch Channel 45 "Government Station" for Village Info	6 District II "Trustee Is In" 9 am - Noon in the Municipal Center
7	8 Business Development 7:30 pm	9 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	10 	11 **VETERANS DAY** **Village Hall Closed** 11:00 am Memorial Service at Veterans Monument	12	13
14	15 Planning & Development 7:30 pm	16 Human Serv. Bd. 8:00 pm Special Events 7:30 pm Env. Concerns 7:30 pm	17	18 Public Works 7:30 pm	19 	20
21 CHRISTMAS ON THE GREEN 1:00 Holiday Parade 2:30 Santa on Green 3:30 Tree Lighting	22	23 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	24 Last Day Of LEAF BAG SALE	25 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** 	26 **Village Hall Closed**	27 District I "Trustee Is Available" 9 am - Noon Johnston Center 94th & Oak Park Ave.
28	29 Last Week Of YARD WASTE PICK-UP	30		*Watch Channel 43* ***Good Things Begin With Oak Lawn*** *Thursday evenings at 8:30 pm*	**JOIN IN THE FUN!** Come meet Santa on the Green after the Holiday Parade. Enjoy carolers, the tree lighting ceremony and some hot cocoa to keep you warm.	

DECEMBER 1999

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	Cars must not be parked in the street once 1" of snow has fallen until the street has been cleared of snow. A snow removal emergency exists when snowfalls at 1" per hour and accumulates to 4 inches or more. Christmas trees will be picked-up on your regular garbage day the first two weeks of January.		1 Appeals Board 8:00 pm	2 Traffic Review 8:00 pm	3	4 District II "Trustee Is In" 9 am - Noon in the Municipal Center
5	6 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	7	8 Watch Channel 45 "Government Station" for Village Info	9 Quality Control 7:30 pm	10 	11
12 	13 Business Development 7:30 pm	14 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	15	16 Public Works 7:30 pm	17	18
19	20 Planning & Development 8:00 pm	21 Human Serv. Bd. 8:00 pm Special Events 7:30 pm Env. Concerns 7:30 pm	22 	23 Senior Citizens 1:00 pm Legal & Ordinance 7:30 pm	24 **CHRISTMAS EVE** **Village Hall Closed**	25 **CHRISTMAS DAY**
26 	27 **Village Hall Closed**	28 Board of Trustees 8:00 pm Village Hall Open until 8:00 pm	29	30 	31 **HAPPY NEW YEAR** **Village Hall Closed** *Please don't drink and drive*	

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To qualify, a candidate must be 18 years of age or older and pass a general aptitude test and background check. Youth, 16 and 17 years old, who are seniors in high school and can provide a work permit, will be considered for some field positions. Workers will be paid between $7.50 and $14.50 per hour. For more information, call 888-325-7733.

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1. Help the community thrive. Census numbers return dollars to the community.
2. Get help in times of need. Many 911 emergency systems are based on census maps. In addition, the census tells rescuers how many people will need help if a flood, tornado or earthquake hit.
3. Make the government work for residents. Numbers are used to determine the distribution of over $100 billion in federal and state funds for hospitals, highways, stadiums and school lunch programs.
4. Helps business/industry. Census numbers help locate potential markets for products.
5. Help yourself and your family. Individual records are confidential! They cannot be sold, borrowed, used by anyone but the Census Bureau.

Because we have had a census every 10 years since 1790, we know how far America has come.

Watch Channel 45 "the Government Channel" for Village Information

Watch Channel 43 "Good Things Begin With Oak Lawn" every Thursday at 8:30 p.m., repeated at Midnight.

– HOLIDAYS –

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