Substantial Progress Toward Completion

Since the last edition of The Oak Leaf, both the Green Oaks Senior Living Project and the Sheridan at Green Oaks Project have made substantial progress towards completion.

Green Oaks Senior Living on Rockland Road at I-94 has completed the majority of their exterior site improvements and are focusing their efforts in completing the interior of their structures. The primary building and cottage/duplex units on the rear of the property are both anticipated to be complete in Spring/Summer, 2017.

The Sheridan at Green Oaks Senior Living at Waukegan Road and Atkinson Road has also made excellent progress. Their site improvements, including a turn lane on Waukegan Road, are substantially complete with final restoration and parking lot paving remaining. The interior of their buildings are rapidly approaching completion, which is also anticipated for Spring/Summer of 2017.

Both sites have generated considerable interest by potential residents. Once the final outside landscaping and paving are completed this summer, both projects will not only provide exceptional living for their residents, but will also significantly enhance the streetscape appearance along both Rockland and Waukegan Roads.

The West Rondout Drainage Project, the first significant public works project by the Village in the TIF District is presently in design, with efforts to complete necessary easements well underway. Once all of the engineering and administrative work is complete, it is anticipated that construction could begin as early as next year.

The TIF District also includes another exciting project, the new Post Time Sports Bar and Grill, a redevelopment project in the former Fatman’s Bowl building on Rockland Road. This creative restaurant and OTB facility is expected to open late March.
Oak Grove School, District 68 Named a National Blue Ribbon School of Distinction

Oak Grove School, in Green Oaks, Illinois has been named a 2016 National Blue Ribbon School. Oak Grove is among 279 public and 50 private schools receiving the honor. The award is the highest honor that can be earned by a school district. Oak Grove was honored under the category of an Exemplary High Performing School.

"I could not be more excited for, and proud of, our current and former students, staff members and administrators. They are responsible for this achievement" said Dr. Lonny Lemon, Superintendent of Oak Grove School. "Together they make Oak Grove a wonderful place to learn, work and grow. Our community has good reason to be proud of our school"

United States Secretary of Education, John B. King Jr., recognized each National Blue Ribbon School award recipient during special ceremonies in Washington D.C.

Oak Grove School was nominated for the award in the spring of 2016 by the Illinois State Board of Education. Schools and school districts are unable to nominate themselves for this award and, therefore must be recognized by a nominating party.

"We are proud that the ISBE recognized our accomplishments and felt Oak Grove deserved the nominations" continued Dr. Lemon. "Our administration and staff have worked throughout the spring and summer to complete the necessary documentation required for the Department of Education review."

Congratulations Oak Grove School for a job well done and the recognition you deserve.

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RONDOUT SCHOOL DISTRICT 72 PRESENTS

Heads Up: Concussion Education for Parents & Community Members

Tuesday, January 31, 2017 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Rondout School
28593 North Bradley Road • Lake Forest Illinois 60045

Childhood concussions are on the rise and the American Academy of Pediatrics and Center for Disease Control report dramatic increases in the rates of concussions among children and young athletes. As a result of the Illinois Youth Sports Concussion Safety Act (PA 99-245), increased oversight and regulation is now required of all public, private and charter schools in the state of Illinois. Rondout School’s Concussion Oversight Team has provided education to staff and is now reaching out to parents and the larger community to share information about this important topic including tips for parents and the requirements for schools. While your own medical provider should be your source of guidance and support in the event of a concussion, the presentation will provide important information on this critical topic. Keeping children safe and preventing brain injuries is a key priority for parents, educators and sports organizations.

We are delighted to welcome Kelly Trainor APN, CCPNP, who is a recognized expert in the field. She is an advanced practice nurse and certified pediatric nurse practitioner who works at Illinois Bone & Joint Institute in the Chicagoland area. She has been a registered nurse since 2007 and graduated from her PNP training at Rush University in 2010. She has been specializing in youth concussion and post-concussion syndrome management since 2013. Kelly has developed a profound interest and expertise in the subject matter and currently runs comprehensive concussion clinics in the city and surrounding suburbs. Kelly is presently a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (currently a national affiliate member of the Council on Sports Medicine & Fitness) and the American Academy of Neurology. She is actively involved in concussion-related research endeavors, including serving as a lead investigator on two studies. She regularly provides community outreach and advocacy, presenting about concussion management and safety, on both local and national levels. She also assisted in creating the newly enacted legislative changes regarding Illinois’ youth concussion law. Kelly previously served as the President of the Illinois Chapter for the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) and was also selected and awarded in 2015 as a 40 under 40 emerging nurse leader in the state of Illinois, for her role in youth concussion management.

The presentation is open to all members of our community. We ask that you RSVP to insure that we have adequate materials and resources for all in attendance. Please RSVP to Lora Kellie RN, Rondout School Nurse at lora.kellie@rondoutsd72.org or via the following evite link.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How Much Does it have to Snow before the Plows Show Up?

At least an inch for the main roads, and two inches for side roads. The contract we have with our snowplow contractor, Mid-west Snow Solutions, requires them to plow our main roads and school bus routes once we have an inch of accumulation on the ground, and the rest of the Village roads, once we have two inches of accumulation on the ground. If you feel that your property has difficult or blind areas that a snow plow driver may not be aware of, please consider placing temporary stakes in the areas of concern to help alleviate any possible damage that may occur.

How Come I See Snow on the Ground on my side street, but not on 176 or 137?

Rte 176 and Rte 137, which are maintained by the State of Illinois, are heavily travelled roads, so when those roads are salted, all that traffic on those roads works to grind the salt into the pavement, causing the salt to dissolve in the moisture and release heat to melt the snow. If there’s no traffic on a side street to mix in the salt, it just sits there. We generally reserve the use of salt to the main roads and entrances to subdivisions, where it’s needed more and the increase in traffic makes it more effective. Also, if the temperature falls below zero, as it did in early January this year, it’s too cold for salt to be effective.

How Much of my Property Taxes goes Toward Maintaining the Roads?

None of it. The Village doesn’t collect a dime out of your property taxes. All the money that goes toward plowing and salting the roads, fixing potholes, and repaving roads come from only two sources: the Village’s portion of the State Motor Fuel Tax, and whatever revenues are collected from the sale of Village vehicle stickers. That comes out to a little over $200,000 a year.

Trustee Dan Sugrue
Chairman, Streets & Roads Committee

Preventing Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide (CO) is an odorless, colorless, tasteless gas. It is a common byproduct of incomplete combustion, produced when fuels (oil, gas, coal or wood) burn. Because you can’t see, taste or smell it, carbon monoxide can make you sick - or even kill you - before you know it’s there.

Carbon monoxide robs the body of oxygen. One of the problems with CO poisoning is that the initial symptoms are not serious enough to signal a life-threatening health issue. The symptoms are often flu-like and include headaches, dizziness, weakness and fatigue, shortness of breath, nausea, confusion and irritability. If you experience any of these symptoms and suspect CO may be a factor, open the windows and doors to let in fresh air, turn off combustion appliances, get out of the house and call 911. Emergency responders will try to pinpoint the problem; if CO is the culprit, the problem must be fixed before you can return. Test your alarm monthly by pushing the test button. If your alarm goes off, never ignore it. Do the following:

- Call 911 immediately.
- Open the doors and windows to ventilate the house, and then leave the house.
- Do not re-enter until experts have investigated the problem and declared it safe to return.

Additional information about carbon monoxide poisoning is available through:
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - https://www.cdc.gov/co/faqs.htm
Lower Garbage Rates:
As some of you may have noticed when opening your recent Groot invoices earlier this month, Santa brought everyone a belated holiday present in the form of a rate reduction with improved services. The Public Works Committee has recommended that the Village Board formally execute the franchise contract extension that it negotiated with Groot Industries, Inc. over the last several months. Rates for curbside service were reduced across the board to pre-2010 levels. The new rate schedule going into effect starting in 2017 is as follows:

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For example, last year the monthly rate for Unlimited Curb Service was $27.42. Annual increases to the curb service rates are now tied to the local CPI and capped at no more than 4% per year. In addition, Yard Waste Subscriptions will continue at $130 per year in 2017 and then be subject to only $5 annual increases rather than $10 as in prior years. The franchise extension runs for 6 years, through the end of 2022.

But Wait, There’s More:
Yes residents, there is indeed more. The annual fall leaf collection will continue, but there will be no additional charges associated with this service. In prior years, the Village subsidized the leaf vacuuming service for our residents at an annual cost of over $5,300 per season. Spring clean-up will also continue.

Further, Groot will also provide curb side electronics pick-up, and free of charge for most items. Remember, these items cannot be mixed with your trash and are banned from landfills. Simply contact Groot at least 24 hours ahead of time and schedule a pick-up for your normal collection day (Mondays or Wednesdays). No more driving to remote collection sites or waiting in long lines at special events. However, if the item weighs more than 50 pounds, then there will be a $25 service charge (this charge relates primarily to large, older CRT and rear projection screen televisions).

Finally -- and this is something many residents have requested -- on a one-time basis for no extra charge, residents can exchange their current 65 gallon recycling cart for a larger 90 gallon recycling cart. Any changes thereafter (like going back to the smaller cart) would be subject to a $25 per cart replacement fee. These larger carts will help the Village achieve its 60% Recycling Task Force goals by 2020, so please request one and fill it up every week.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Public Works Committee chair at john.wagener@greenoaks.org.
I want to wish all of you good health and happiness for 2017. There are three pieces of information that I would like to share.

First, the Village of Green Oaks was one of the first communities in Lake County to offer curbside recycling for Village residents. This has made a significant difference on our landfills longevity. However in 2012, all electronic devices were banned from landfills. Electronic items such as televisions, monitors, computers, and printers were no longer allowed in the regular trash. Periodically, the Solid Waste Agency would coordinate electronics recycling collection sites within Lake County. These periodic collections were either inconvenient or not available to the residents.

The board has good news regarding our negotiations with our waste collector, Groot. Beginning in 2017, Village residents will have access to curbside collection of electronic waste (excluding televisions) at no additional charge. Large TV’s (over 50 pounds) would have a charge of $25.00. We thank Trustee John Wagener and SWALCO in obtaining this new program for the Village. Please read the public works report to obtain directions for this curbside electronic recycling program.

Secondly, due to family and work commitments, Trustee Gwen Jader unfortunately resigned from the Board of Trustees. She has been an essential member of the Plan Commission and the Village Board. We will truly miss her impact at our meetings.

Fortunately, Peter Furlong, who lives and works in the Village, has been appointed to fill Gwen’s vacancy. Peter has already prepared this newsletter and will be on the ballot as a trustee in the April local election. There is additional information on Trustee Furlong in this edition of the Oak Leaf.

Finally, with regrets, we accepted the resignation of Plan Commission member Nick Gallopoulos. Nick and his wife are moving to a retirement community. Nick had previously moved from Michigan where he was also a plan commission member. He volunteered many hours of service to our community. He shared with the board that what he liked about Green Oaks was it’s friendly and welcoming community spirit. Thank you, Nick, for your years of service.

Thus, there is an opening on the Plan Commission. If you can spare a couple of hours a month for your community, please email our Village Administrator your resume and interest in serving on this committee.

As always, if you have any further questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us.
The Village’s intent for using permits is to ensure SAFETY and making sure that all improvements are performed properly per local and national codes. This to is ensure the safety for your family and whatever family whom may occupy your home in the future. All of these permits are similar in type and can be combined into a singular permit if/as needed.

WHEN IS A PERMIT REQUIRED?
Below is a basic list of areas and instances when a Building Permit is required:

• Single Family Homes
• Room Additions
• Shed (Attached & Detached)
• Fences & Pillars
• Decks, Patios, and Gazebos
• Pools & Hot Tubs
• Interior Remodeling (including Basement)
• Any Interior Mechanicals – Plumbing, Electrical (including security and entertainment wiring), Heating, Air conditioning
• Re-Roofing of any type.
• New Siding
• Garages - Attached and Detached
• Fireplaces
• Lawn Sprinkler Systems

The following is a basic list of areas and instances when a Site Development Permit is required in addition to a building permit:

• Site Grading that may occur in a Flood Zone. You may reference flood-plain information on the Village website
• Site Grading that disturbs more than 1000 square feet
• New Building Grading
• New Building Addition Grading
• In-Ground Swimming Pools
• Tennis or Basketball Courts (off-driveway)
• Driveway, Deck, or Patio Installations greater than 1000 square feet
• Earth Berms “Berms”
• Septic Fields or Mounds Installation/Replacement
• Utility Installation / Repair (Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, or Water Main)

Building applications and additional information are available at the Village Hall and Online www.greenoaks.org. If you need additional information, please call the Village at (847) 362-5363

Best Regards,
Rich Glogovsky
Chairman of the Building Department
HAPPY NEW YEAR ~
As promised, we continue to look for new ways to provide services for our residents. Now, our residents will have the option to pay their bills online by credit card with a 2% convenience fee. Individuals wishing to take advantage of this payment option should visit us at www.greenoaks.org.

ONLINE PAYMENTS ~
The Village of Green Oaks now offers customers the ability to pay online via credit card for Water/Sewer & Sewer Maintenance Bills, Vehicle Sticker Fees and Business License Fees. Online payments are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by simply visiting our website at www.greenoaks.org. To begin, click on the “Online Payment Center” tab on the left side of the home page. Credit cards accepted are Visa, Mastercard and Discover that require a 2% Convenience Fee.

TELEPHONE PAYMENTS ~
Credit card payments can be made over the phone by calling the Village of Green Oaks Administrative Office at (847) 362-5363. Please note that a 2% Convenience Fee will be charged for each payment. Please have the following information ready when calling:
- Customer Number Information
- Credit Card Information
- Amount of Payment

WALK-IN PAYMENTS ~
Payments can be made in person at the Village of Green Oaks Administrative Office, located at 2020 O’Plaine Road, Green Oaks, IL 60048. Office hours are from 9:00am - 2:00pm, Monday through Friday.

MAIL PAYMENTS ~
All checks made payable to: Village of Green Oaks
2020 O’Plaine Road
Green Oaks, IL 60048
New Trustee

Hello, My name is Pete Furlong and I am the newest Trustee in the Village of Green Oaks. I was appointed in December, after the resignation of Gwen Jader. I was born in Lake County and have lived here all but 6 years of my life. I grew up in Deerfield and attended Deerfield High. I went to college in Milwaukee (Go Warriors) and lived another 2 years north of the Cheddar curtain. While there, I was working for Medline, (I spent 24 years working there) the corporate headquarters in Mundelein brought me back to Lake County. I bought a house in Grayslake and was married there to my beautiful wife (Juliana) of nearly 20 years. In 2000 we moved to Green Oaks. It immediately became home and we knew this was the place to have and raise our children. Isabel(13) and Brian(9) are 7th and 4th graders at Oak Grove School. I will be handling public affairs on the board. Please feel free to let us know your ideas of how to make Green Oaks an even better place to live.

Garbage Collection Holidays

Have you ever been confused on whether the garbage collectors are coming due to a Holiday? Me too!

In fact I messed it up just the other week, on MLK day. To help you not make the mistake I did, here are the things you need to know. The Holidays that are effected are New Years Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. If your normal garbage day falls on one of these Holidays, the garbage collection day will be one day later.

Upcoming Elections

There are 2 elections happening this Spring...

Consolidated Primary: Last Tuesday in February (February 28th)
Nomination of Township and Municipal candidates

Consolidated Election: First Tuesday in April (April 4th)
Election of Township, Municipal, Park District, Library District, School District and Fire District officials

Here are your voting locations.

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If your polling place is Oak Grove School, voting will take place at Oak Grove School Junior High gymnasium. Voters must enter through the outside, west doors. Parking will be available in the upper, junior high lot.