

The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER

Spring-Summer 2016

VILLAGE OF
GREEN OAKS

Community of Country Living



Annual Spring Clean-Up!



Vehicle Stickers:

This month, a pre-printed application form will be mailed to owners of vehicles registered within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Green Oaks. If you do not receive an application, kindly contact the Village Administrative Office at 847-362-5363 Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. to request that one be mailed to you. If the form that was sent to you is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary correction before returning the form.

Collection of all vehicle sticker revenue by the Village is essential as its proceeds, together with the Illinois State Motor Fuel Tax revenues, are used for all roadway construction projects. (See accompanying article regarding the repair of our village streets.) The stickers must be permanently affixed to the front passenger side windshield. To avoid penalties, please remember to send in your vehicle sticker applications or simply stop by the Village Hall to purchase your 2015-2016 vehicle stickers. New this year: Disabled Veterans will receive discounted rate of \$10.

Please call the Village Hall if you have any questions and we thank you for your continued support in following our Village Ordinances.



This year's Annual Spring Clean-Up takes place on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up days, Monday, May 16th and Wednesday, May 18th. This special event is a free service that allows our residents to dispose of bulky items that are not accepted during regular trash collection days. All items must be at the roadside by 6 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day.

Bulky items accepted this day include:

- Stoves
- Hot Water Heaters
- Washers & Dryers
- All other large appliances

Items NOT accepted for pick up due to EPS regulations include:

- All appliances that contain Freon such as Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers & Electronics To dispose Electronics or items containing Freon, please contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340 or visit them at www.swalco.org

Payment by Credit Card Available

The Village is excited to offer residents the opportunity to use any Visa, Master Card and Discover-branded credit cards for all utility/vehicle sticker payments, business license/building permit fees and newsletter contributions. There will be a flat fee of 2% on all charges to defray the cost incurred for this service by the Village. Currently this can be accomplished by phone at (847) 362-5363 or in person at the Village Administrative Office located at 2020 O'Plaine Road during regular business hours Monday thru Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Annexation, Planning & Zoning Update

The Village is excited to see progress on the three large developments which anchor the Village's Rondout Route 176 Corridor Tax Increment Allocation Financing District (TIF).

Construction is progressing at Green Oaks Senior Living by Spectrum Development at Route 176 and I-94. The main building is under construction with some underground utility and site work remaining as well. Spectrum is planning for occupancy in Spring 2017.

The Sheridan of Green Oaks by Senior Lifestyles Development at Route 43 and Atkinson Road is following the same track as Spectrum, with occupancy planned for Spring 2017. All utility work is complete on the site, though there will be some work along Route 43 this year which will include construction of additional turn lanes into the site.

The first retail building as part of the Green Oaks Commons Retail Development, also at Route 43 and Atkinson Road, will be complete in Summer 2016. There is no tenant or owner for the retail parcel at this time, and the developer is actively looking for a tenant. One additional retail building and two office buildings remain to be built as part of that development.

Once complete, these developments will begin to generate revenue to the TIF District, allowing for revitalization and development throughout the industrial and retail corridor of Route 176.



How does a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) district help a Village and the business community?

1. Tax Incremental Financing is a statutory economic development program that municipalities can enact to facilitate continued development or redevelopment of a specific geographic area.
2. The program works by capturing increases in property tax revenues caused by new development (called the increment) over existing levels.
3. TIF revenues can be spent only on certain public realm investments within the district.
4. The TIF does NOT add any new taxes, rates, or levies. Existing baseline tax revenues continue to go to the taxing districts.
5. TIF Districts can have a lifetime of up to 23 years.



Green Oaks Plan Commission to Hold Public Hearing

The Green Oaks Plan Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 11 on a proposed zoning change to allow a special use permit for Post Time Sports Bar and Grille, LLC to operate an Off Track Betting facility at 13860 Rockland Road in Green Oaks. This is the location of the former Fatman Bowl.

Post Time Sports Bar and Grille will be sponsored by the Arlington Park Race Track. Their representatives will provide details about the proposal to the plan commission.

Signs of Spring

Gary Varvel
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Road Referendum Update:

As you are all aware by now the village road referendum did not pass. First and foremost we appreciate the high voter turnout. It is a true indication how important of an issue this is for our village. Unfortunately, with the referendum not passing, we are no closer to solving the problem of the deteriorating roads within our village. We recognize that the program presented to the residents was very aggressive, but it was meant to achieve the goal of repairing virtually all of the roads within the shortest amount of time and thereby was very costly.

As we assess if we can continue to plan for future road repairs we would like to hear your feedback regarding the referendum. Was it too costly, did you believe the project did not provide value to your property or neighborhood, etc.? A feedback form will be sent out shortly and we would appreciate any feedback that you would like to share with us. Your feedback will help guide the village in its continuing attempts to try to find solutions or partial solutions to this continuing and widespread road deterioration problem.



Streets & Roads Report:

As everyone knows by now, the referendum on the ballot on March 15th to approve a bond to finance repairs to our roads failed to pass. This means that the source of funding to pay for these repairs will continue to be what it has always been: money from the purchase of vehicle stickers, and the Village's share of revenue from the state Motor Fuel Tax. Together, these two sources provide approximately \$200,000 of funding each year to maintain and repair 24 miles of roads. As in previous years, we'll direct our attention to the roads that are in the worst shape and most often used by residents. In July, we'll start receiving bids from contractors for this year's road repair work. The repairs should be underway starting in August.

Once again, the Village is participating in the Lake County Municipal League's joint purchasing initiative, in which villages all over Lake County join together to attract the lowest possible bids from local contractors for road improvement projects. The Village just approved bids for crack sealing and pavement marking through this initiative. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns about our local roads. I can be reached directly at 847-769-2844.

Trustee Dan Sugrue
Chairman
Streets & Roads Committee





PUBLIC WORKS Underground

**Trustee
John Wagener
Chairman**

SWALCO Electronics Collection: As many of you may know, the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO) announced back in March that it was shutting down its electronics recycling program effective May 1st. The decision to close was due to the high cost of recycling certain electronics. The funds collected by the State from manufacturers have become insufficient to cover actual recycling costs, forcing many permanent collection facilities to pay the difference or close. SWALCO decided to close its program, as did neighboring Will County. SWALCO's program was the most successful in the State, collecting over 4 million pounds last year

During a meeting on April 14, SWALCO's Board of Directors reversed its decision to close and approved the acceptance of voluntary funding from its local government membership communities in order to keep the sites open. These units of local government local governments pledged the necessary \$62,000 to keep the program running through the end of this year. SWALCO is expected to determine later this summer how it will handle funding for electronics recycling sites in the future. Any decision will hinge on whether the State amends the Illinois Electronic Products Recycling and Reuse Act, which SWALCO believes is outdated.



Special One Day Electronics Collection Event --

This one day event will be held on Tuesday, May 24, 2016 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Village of Mundelein Public Works Facility located at 440 East Crystal Street. See the SWALCO Website for further information.

Note: There will be fees for certain items.

Electronics Recycling Sites in Lake County That Will Remain Open

- Cuba Township Road District Facility
28070 W. Cuba Road in Barrington.
Open 7:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Monday through Friday.
- Grant Township Road District Facility
2535 Molitor Road in Ingleside:
Open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Grayslake Public Works Facility,
585 Berry Avenue in Grayslake. Open Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon.
- Highland Park Firearms Training Center,
1180 Half Day Road in Highland Park. Open every Tuesday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the first Saturday of every month from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- Waukegan Public Works Facility, 1700 McAree Road in Waukegan. Open Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

If you have any questions concerning public sewer, municipal water, the trail system, storm water management or solid waste and recycling, please feel free to contact your Public Works Committee chair at john.wagener@greenoaks.org.



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Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees will be the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall. Committees meet regularly on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall.

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President's Corner

— Bernard Wysocki
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

The residents that live near the Metra tracks have requested for years to establish a "Quiet Zone." Let me explain what is a "Quiet Zone."

The Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) requires that the locomotive horn be sounded while trains approach and enter public highway/rail at grade crossings unless a quiet zone has been established in accordance with FRA requirements.

FRA established a process for public agencies to establish zones that silence the routine sounding of locomotive horns as trains approach and enter public crossings. About ten years ago the Secretary of Transportation delegated to FRA to make reasonable exceptions to establish a "Quiet Zone." Prior to this change, there were no consistent standards for silencing locomotive horns within communities.

Each "candidate" requesting a quiet zone must meet certain requirements that include the following:

1. The zone must be greater than one-half mile in length.
2. The zone must have active warning devices at each crossing.
3. Quiet Zone signs alerting the public that horns will not be sounded.
4. The establishment of alternative safety measures.

In addition to these minimum requirements, the candidate zone must show that relative safety of the crossing will not be compromised with the silencing of train horns.

For years the Village has requested that the St Mary's railroad crossing be included in a quiet zone. Until recently, the requests by Green Oaks and Libertyville have fallen on deaf ears. Even when there were glimmers of hope that we might be considered, we were advised the cost of the process would be \$250,000.

Enter 2016, this time Green Oaks and Libertyville have enlisted the support of the County of Lake, and Metra has softened their position regarding train whistles. We are now scheduled for 2018 to receive a "Quiet Zone" designation on St Mary.

Prior to that time the County, Green Oaks, and Libertyville have agreed to share the cost of coordinating with the FRA, data collection, preparation of alternative safety measures applications, traffic studies, and road and railroad improvements for early warning devices.

So if you are driving by this fall or winter and notice surveyors and other work being done by the railroad tracks, it has to do with this important project. We will keep you posted as we coordinate each task. As always, please be extra careful as you approach railroad intersections.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.



kids CORNER

Summer Explore Camps

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Looking for a summer camp that allows your son or daughter to enjoy hands-on learning on everything from archery to Greek mythology to study skills?

Explore Camp, presented by the College of Lake County, offers challenging, weeklong courses that run during June and July. The locations include the Grayslake Campus, 19351 W. Washington St., the Southlake Campus at 1120 S. Milwaukee Ave. in Vernon Hills and the Lake County High Schools Technology Campus, 19525 W. Washington St. in Grayslake.

With few exceptions, camps run half days in the morning (9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) or afternoon (1-4 p.m.) Monday-Thursday for one week. For a full-day option, register for a morning and an afternoon camp. Each of the camps is designed for an age group, such as grades 1-4 or grades 9-12. Cost of each camp ranges from \$99 to \$225.

For details, visit www.clcillinois.edu/youth, call (847) 543-2615 or email CLC's Center for Personal Enrichment at CPEinfo@clcillinois.edu.

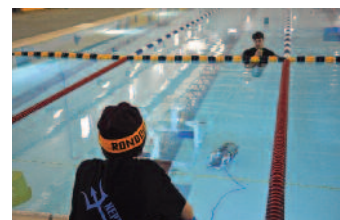
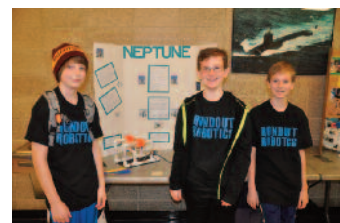


Congratulations to Rondout's Underwater Robotics Engineers... Operation Sea Perch a Huge Success!

On March 19, 2016, two teams of Rondout students participated in their first Sea Perch Regional Challenge competing with 23 schools in an underwater robotics challenge. Mrs. Parkerson, the robotics coach, worked with students over the last several months on the Sea Perch Program which is sponsored by the Office of Naval Research and managed by the AUVST Foundation. While Rondout has participated in Lego Robotics competitions in the past this year was the first time that our students participated in the Navy's underwater engineering challenge. Their STEM program provided our students with the opportunity to learn about robotics, engineering, science and math as each team built their own underwater R.O.V. (Remotely Operated Vehicle). The program focused on project engineering concepts, problem solving, teamwork and technical operations. While building their R.O.V., the students also learned basic skills in marine and ocean engineering, tool safety, and STEM careers.

Congratulations go out to our two teams who successfully built their robots, prepared the presentations and then put their underwater ROV's to the test through both a challenge and an obstacle course underwater. **The seventh grade team, "the Neptunes", included Ryan Gadek, Trent Koenig and Liam Tucker while the sixth grade team, "the Raging Red Hurricanes", included Camden Hart, Grant Klimek, Xavier Montoya, Jacob Liphardt and AJ Sramek.** During this one day design and performance competition, the students were judged in seven areas: vehicle performance, maneuvering and recovery, innovative design, team oral presentations, design evaluation, build notebooks and planning construction testing and learning.

Family, friends and Rondout staff were on hand to cheer on the teams and attend the closing ceremonies. The Neptune's took third place in the Middle School Poster Presentation Competition. Their amazing trophy is on display in the Rondout office. Bravo to all on a job well done.



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Check Out Lake County's New Website!

Visitors to Lake County's website lakecountyil.gov will discover a fresh, new website featuring a responsive, innovative design with enhanced functionality that will result in an improved online experience.

The new site is more accessible as users can view and interact with the site from any device, including smartphones and tablets. It has a cleaner layout so you can quickly and easily navigate and connect with the services and information they need. It also features new functionality, including a module to "Report a Concern," such as a pot hole or lost animal. Visit the new website today - www.lakecountyil.gov.



CLC's Intersession SUMMER SESSION OFFERS MANY TRANSFERABLE COURSES

Looking for an economical, time-efficient way to speed up your progress toward a four-year degree? The College of Lake County's Intersession (May 17 to June 3) and eight-week Summer Session (June 6 to July 30) offer a range of courses that transfer to four-year programs. Current CLC students, as well as those attending other colleges and returning home for the late spring and summer, can choose among courses offered online, in field study trips and at the Grayslake, Lakeshore (Waukegan) and Southlake (Vernon Hills) Campuses.

Three separate field study trips venture to Door County, Southern Wisconsin and the Appalachian Trail. In addition, many transferable online and classroom-based courses range from liberal arts to business to science and mathematics. College students home for the summer are eligible to have pre-requisites waived for many CLC courses. CLC's Summer Session tuition and fees for in-district residents are \$129 per credit hour, typically one-fourth the cost of a four-year state university (see www.clcillinois.edu/docs/default-source/depts/pub/recruiting-publications/clc_plus_2.pdf). To view Intersession and Summer Session offerings and learn more about how to become a student, visit www.clcillinois.edu/summer.

Rx for Health - Walking in Nature



The Lake County Forest Preserves, the Lake County Health Department, NorthShore University Health System and other partners have organized “Rx for Health – Walking in Nature,” a program that brings together naturalists and health providers for guided tours of Lake County’s forest preserves.

For 2016, the group has scheduled walks, which are free and open to the public. They will take place, rain or shine, on specific Saturdays from 4 p.m. to about 5 p.m., as follows:

· May 21, 2016	Ryerson Woods (meet at Welcome Center)	Riverwoods
· June 18, 2016	Rollins Savanna (Washington St. Entrance)	Grayslake
· July 16, 2016	Middlefork Savanna	Lake Forest
· August 13, 2016	Lyons Woods	Waukegan
· September 10, 2016	Fort Sheridan	Lake Forest
· September 24, 2016	Pine Dunes	Antioch
· October 15, 2016	Captain Daniel Wright Woods	Mettawa

The walks are an opportunity to speak with a NorthShore physician about the health benefits of exercise and outdoor activities, and become more engaged with the outdoor environment by learning from a Forest Preserve naturalist. Launched in 2014, the program aligns with the Health Department’s Live Well Lake County initiative to increase physical activity, healthy eating and quality of life opportunities in order to reduce the number of adults and children in the county who are overweight or obese. The initiative is also part of a countywide collaborative branding effort called Lake County Life.

The walks are open to all ages. Those 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult. All walks start at 4 p.m. and range in length from 1 to 2 miles. These are rain or shine events and no pets are allowed (with the exception of service animals). Learn more at: <http://www.LCFPD.org/rx-for-health/>.



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HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

May 21, 2016

8:00 AM to 2:30 PM



*SWALCO also offers Year-round HCW Public Drop-off Events to collect unwanted HCW items at our Gurnee, IL facility, 1311 N. Estes. **By appointment only** - the second Saturday and the fourth Monday of every month (some exceptions apply). Sign up now online.*

Vernon Hills **Metra Train Station** **Route 45 & Ranney Road**

Accepted Materials: Aerosol Products | Antifreeze & Motor Oil | Fertilizers/Herbicides/Pesticides | Fluorescent Light Bulbs/CFLs | Furniture Stripper & Varnishes | Gasoline & Kerosene | Household Batteries (Lithium & Rechargeable only) | Household Cleaners | Oil-Based Paints & Paint Removers | Prescription and over-the counter medicines and supplements (people & pet) - NO DEA Controlled Substances |
Visit online for general list.

Not Accepted: Latex paint, DEA Controlled substances, business wastes, farm chemicals, propane tanks, lead-acid and alkaline batteries, explosives, medical wastes, bulky asbestos-laded construction debris, fire extinguishers, smoke detectors and household electronics.

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