

Fall 2017

# **VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS**

Community of Country Living

# Annual Fall Leaf Pick-Up 🕽 **AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED**

A time to enjoy raking leaves! The Village is again offering its annual fall leaf pick-up. This service is provided to residents free of charge. The dates for the collections have been increased to encourage residents to use these services as a substitute for burning leaves. This year's dates will be:

### Saturdays Only: October 21st through November 25th

On the night before, or by 6:00am on the day of the pick-up, rake your leaves to the edge of the roadway where disposal trucks will vacuum them away. DO NOT BAG THE LEAVES. To insure maximum drainage during the winter and spring, clear the leaves and debris from all culverts and roadside ditches on your property.

If you prefer to bag your leaves, Groot Disposal, the waste hauler franchised to serve our Village, offers various yard waste subscription services. Call Groot Disposal at 847-566-5159 to inquire about the programs and options.

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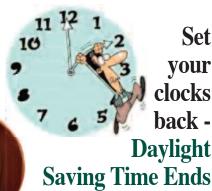
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### Halloween Trick or Treat Hours **Tuesday, October 31st** 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

These hours coincide with those of Libertyville and neighboring communities.



**REMEMBER** Sunday 2 A.M. November 5<sup>th</sup>



Set your clocks back -**Daylight** 



## **Frequency Asked Questions (FAQ)**

The Village of Green Oaks frequently receives questions regarding persons going door to door and soliciting. Please review the following Frequently Asked Questions regarding door to door solicitors:

#### Does the Village regulate door-to-door solicitors?

Yes, solicitors within the Village of Green Oaks must apply for and be approved for a permit to solicit within the Village and must adhere to specific guidelines and rules regulating door-to-door solicitation.

 All Applications for Solicitation shall be made to the president of the board of trustees of the village in writing, which application shall state the purpose, object and time for which such permit is desired, and the name of the party or parties desiring the same. The president of the village shall grant a permit to the applicant or refuse a permit as in his judgment shall be most beneficial for the interest of the village.

(Ord. 62-O-04, 5-23-1962)

· All soliciting, selling of goods, wares or merchandise, or the taking of orders or the solicitation of orders for the sale of any goods, wares and merchandise, or the distribution thereof from house to house and place to place is hereby expressly prohibited, unless the person shall first have secured a permit so to do. No permit shall be required under this chapter for any religious or political canvassing, or for any effort to enlist support for a cause that does not involve fundraising.

(Ord. 2003-O-6, 5-28-2003)

#### What rules apply to door-to-door solicitors in the VIIIage of Green Oaks?

- No person shall act as a house to house, place to place solicitor, salesman or canvasser excepting between the hours of nine o'clock (9:00) A.M. and five o'clock (5:00) P.M., and no such person shall operate on Sunday.
- No person shall canvass, fundraise, solicit, sell goods, wares or merchandise, or take orders or solicit orders for the sale of any goods, wares and merchandise, or the distribution thereof on any street, roadway, or highway, or part thereof, within the village. For purposes of this subsection, the terms "street", "roadway", and "highway" shall have the definition provided in the Illinois vehicle code1. (Ord. 2003-O-07, 6-25-2003)
- It shall be unlawful to enter any residential premises, for the purpose of selling or taking orders for any commodity or service, or for soliciting contributions or memberships of any nature without the express or implied consent of the occupant of such premises. (Ord. 62-O-04, 5-23-1962)

• Any person violating any provisions of this chapter shall be subject to a fine or penalty of not less than twenty five dollars (\$25.00) nor more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for each offense, and each day a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense. (Ord. 62-O-04, 5-23-1962)

#### Why can't the Village ban door-to-door solicitors?

The First amendment and the U.S. Constitution protect the rights of door-to-door solicitors and preclude the ability of a community to ban door-to-door sales. The U.S. Supreme Court has upheld free speech for commercial purposes and the Village's ability to restrict commercial door-to-door solicitation is limited to local regulations restricting the time, place and manner of door-to-door solicitations. Homeowners

and occupants, however, do have the ultimate right to determine whether solicitors shall or shall not be invited to their residences or property.



# **Schools are Now In Session**

With school back in session, we would like to remind motorists, parents, and children to use extra caution while commuting or walking to school. Now is the perfect opportunity to speak with your children about being safe when walking to the bus stop or walking to school. Some safety tips are:

- Walk with a group, a parent, or a friend when possible
- Walk on the sidewalk & only cross the street in crosswalks
- When crossing the street look both ways to ensure no traffic is coming from any direction
- Continuously look left and right while crossing the road to ensure no traffic is approaching while crossing
- Don't assume someone driving a car can see you
- Wear bright colored clothing so motorists can better identify you as a pedestrian
- Never accept a ride from a stranger

Drivers are reminded to slow down when entering and driving through school zones. School zones in Illinois require drivers travel at 20MPH or slower. Sheriff's Highway Patrol Deputies are monitoring school safety zone areas and targeting drivers violating speed limits, illegally passing stopped school buses, and violating cell phone restrictions. Additionally, drivers should be extra watchful this time of year and yield for children (or any pedestrian) crossing the road. It's everybody's responsibility to ensure children make it to school safely!





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# **GUIDELINES FOR Draining Swimming Pools**

Chlorinated water discharged to surface water (wetlands, lakes, streams, rivers, etc.), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine, which are present in swimming pools, are toxic to wildlife and fish. When draining your pool for the late fall/ early winter, please follow one of the following measures:

- De-chlorinate the water in the pool prior to draining. This can be done through mechanical or chemical means. These types of products are readily available at local stores. Or,
- Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn following the additional guidelines below: 1. Allow pool water to sit for at least 2 days while receiving a reasonable amount of sunlight, and without further addition of chlorine or bromine. Test the chlorine level after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l). 2.Direct discharges from the pool across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets. Our storm sewer system leads directly to wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers.

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Visit www.epa.state.il.us/water for additional information. Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.



# **Flooding: Are You Covered?**

Floods happen. The Village wants to make sure you know the differences between "flood insurance" and "basement back up insurance." The National Flood Insurance Program has determined a "flood" to be a "general and temporary condition where two or more acres of normally dry land or two or more properties are inundated by water or mudflow." For an insurance claim to be considered a "flood" claim, water must enter through a door or a window. Water that comes up through floor drains or overflows from a sump pump are not considered flooding events. While these occurrences might be directly connected to a flooding event (power outage causing a sump pump to stop working), additional insurance is required to financially protect yourself. Basement back up insurance is an additional endorsement on a homeowner's policy that is not automatically selected. Battery backup sump pump units or water pressure powered units are available to protect yourself from potential flooding. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources estimates that urban flooding is a \$2.3 billion problem annually. Know the flood risks of where you live or where you might be looking to live and contact your insurance agent to make sure you are properly protected.





# PUBLIC WORKS Underground

Trustee John Wagener Chairman

#### Got Cart?

As many of you who read this quarterly column know, the Village renegotiated its franchise waste hauling agreement with Groot effective at the beginning of the year. One of the "perks" that the Public Works Committee was able to obtain for the residents was the ability to upgrade or upsize your recycling cart from the smaller 65 gallon recycling cart to a 95 gallon recycling cart upon request. Although there is no charge for the initial upgrade, any changes thereafter (like going back to the small cart will require a cart replacement fee of \$25.00 per cart. Residents can contact Groot directly (800-244-1977) to make this request, or it can be done on the Groot.com website the next time you log-in to pay your bill.



### Village of Green Oaks

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Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall. Committees meet regularly at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall.

#### ELECTED OFFICIALS TRUSTEES

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#### Fall 2017 Recycle-O-Rama in Mundelein

Another wonderful recycling opportunity is right around the corner on Saturday, September 30th, the Recycle-O-Rama for Fremont Township and SWALCO. It will take place from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM at the Fremont Township Administrative Offices located at 22385 W. IL Route 60 in Mundelein. Many items will be collected, including household electronics, shoes, documents for shredding, canned or boxed food (for the food pantry), eyeglasses and hearing aids, stuffed animals (no other toys), eclipse glasses, new or gently worn clothing, bicycles and bike parts, fire extinguishers (no detectors or alarms), yarn and keys. For a more extensive list of the items accepted and other detailed information about this event, please see the SWALCO website, www.swalco.org.

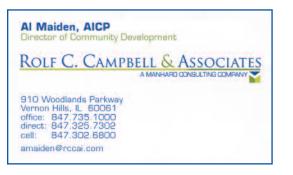
Our 100 Year Event ~ With global climate change becoming ever the more undeniable, the perceived frequency of so-called "50-year" and "100-year" rain event seems to be increasing. The most recent significant rain event to hit Lake County was on July 12, 2017, and the rainfall exceeded depth for the duration of the 100 year event. The Village experienced localized flooding in areas that have not flooded in the past. Although damage estimates were collected for Lake County's FEMA submission, the State of Illinois threshold for Public Assistance is \$18.3 million (for this one disaster). Therefore, no federal public assistance for local, county, and state governments, and certain private, non-profit organizations will be available. The storm water management improvements that have been implemented in the Village, including the Atkinson Road project and flood control basin and the Saddle Hill 2 swales allowed the water to recede more quickly and shorten the duration of the nuisance flooding.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Public Works Committee Chair at john.wagener@greenoaks.org.













### President's Corner - Bernard Wysocki VILLAGE PRESIDENT

As the summer draws to a close, the Village Board has been busy during this time of the year. I wanted to share the following important announcements:

1. Our long time road superintendent Willie Smith has retired. He was also the Zoning Enforcement Officer. The Village has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Libertyville Township Road Commissioner to oversee and maintain our roads.

The process to alert the Village concerning a pothole remains the same. Call or email the Village, and a township crew will repair the problem.

- The Village and Libertyville Fire Protection District have entered into an agreement to provide services to our new nursing homes which may increase ambulance calls from the age group of the permanent residents. Through our established TIF District we will be able to provide additional financial assistance to the District, and the District will provide additional medical personnel and replacement ambulances for the Village. With the TIF District paying the additional cost it will not impact our residents costs.
- 3. We have entered into an agreement with the County and the Village of Libertyville to share the cost of the proposed Metra Train "Quiet Zone" for the St. Mary's train crossing. Our share of the cost will be \$2,000 which is a great saving from prior projections.
- 4. We have received a verbal commitment from the Tollway Authority to replace the bridges on the overpasses with Bradley Road and Atkinson Road. They will begin work in the Spring of 2018 to replace and expand the two bridges.

Finally, I wanted to thank the Village Board and staff for passing a balanced budget in a timely fashion. As always, if you have questions, concerns, comments, etc., please feel free to contact us.







# **Streets & Roads Report**

Though you wouldn't know it from looking out the window, summer is coming to an end, and fall and winter are quickly approaching. Soon enough, we'll have to deal with snow, and snow plowing issues. As a reminder, our snow plowing contract stipulates that we plow only the main streets if there's just an inch of accumulated snow on the ground, and all the streets if there are two or more inches.

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. The best time to do this is in early December. In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather while we still have it!

Trustee Dan Sugrue Chairman, Streets & Roads Committee, 847-769-2844

# Snow Plowing

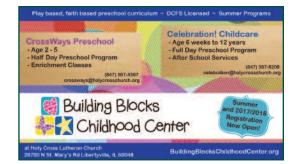
A friendly reminder with regards to snow plowing this winter season:

- Snow will be plowed when accumulation is greater than 1" on main streets and 2" on side streets
- Major intersections will always be salted during a plow event
- In the event of ice conditions, neighborhoods and side streets will be salted
- Any mailbox damaged by the contractor will be repaired or replaced with a temporary mailbox. Any related damages will be reimbursed up to \$50 maximum
- · The contractor will be inspecting all mailbox conditions
- All claims must be made within 5 (five) days of damage
- Consider marking areas of property and cover plants that are a concern for possible snowplow damage
- Please keep your garbage and recycle containers off the street during a plow event

#### BE SAFE ~ BE SEEN ~ IT'S ONLY YOUR LIFE THAT DEPENDS ON IT!

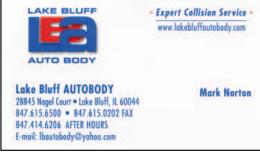
When walking at night, for safety purposes, please wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight.



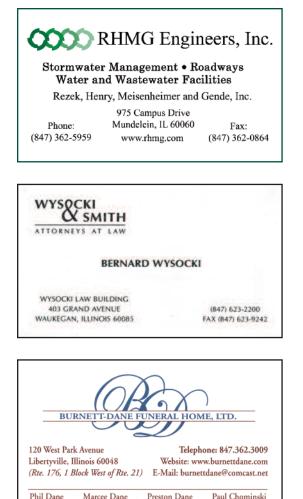








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#### Did you use Lake County PASSAGE as a Resource for Local **Road Information During the Flood?**

The widespread flooding (and significant flash flooding) that hit Lake County this Summer, impacted roads countywide. Major roads were closed and commutes were disrupted for several days in a row. Throughout the disaster, LCDOT had a team of traffic operators and engineers updating Lake County PASSAGE around the clock to make sure that motorists had the information they needed to navigate local roads, and find an open route. They were also able to remotely observe traffic conditions and adjust signal timings as flooding events unfolded. This was done in real time to help traffic adjust to road closures and backups. Lake County PASSAGE had 162,508 hits to the website in an 8-day period during the height of flooding! To put that into context, PASSAGE had 9,834

#### What is Lake County PASSAGE?

Lake County PASSAGE puts local traffic information at your fingertips! PASSAGE is an Intelligent Transportation System designed to provide motorists real time traffic congestion information through the PASSAGE website, email notifications, twitter and radio 1620 AM. The PASSAGE website is mobilefriendly so no matter what device you are using, you can:

- · View a map of current road conditions, construction and events, including crashes, stalls, debris, and other roadway incidents
- · Get real time congestion information
- View camera images at major intersections

Users can also sign up for PASSAGE email notifications and have traffic updates delivered to your inbox. You can customize your profile to get notifications on the roads you drive, and limit notifications only to the times and days you specify. That means you can set it up to receive an email before you leave work each day, to alert you if your drive is impacted by weather, congestion, roadwork, crashes or other incidents. If you are already on the road, turn your radio to 1620 AM. The same information is available through your radio since you don't

have access to the Lake County PASSAGE website while driving.

### WELCOME THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE ... **Green Oaks Holiday Chorus**

The Green Oaks Holiday Chorus will perform its Annual Christmas Concert to Benefit P.A.D.S. of Lake County on Friday, December 15th at 7:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church ~ 29700 N. St. Mary's Rd., ~ Libertyville

The concert will include: Christmas Choral Selections, Christmas Carols, Popular Christmas Songs and a Sing-a-Long.

Admission is free, though any donation to P.A.D.S. of Lake County would be greatly appreciated. Call Nancy Chaudhry at 847-362-3809 for more information, or in case of severe snow, for an alternate date.



## What's Up In The Woods? A BUSY SUMMER IN THE DENNIS DORSEY CONSERVATION AREA

#### **Commonwealth Edison Grant**

In June, ComEd announced that the Village of Green Oaks had received a second grant for the restoration of the Dorsey Conservation Area. Openlands is the Chicagobased conservation organization which administers the grant, and this year the focus of the grant is the protection of pollinators. Our habitat contains several plants that depend on unique native bees and moths. Protecting these ecosystems assures that these plants and pollinators will survive. In addition to funding our normal activities, this grant provides funds for training our volunteers in native burn management. Prescribed burns are a critical tool in the restoration of native areas for the suppression of invasive species. This fall, six stewards will take a twoday burn training class offered by Chicago Wilderness at Morton Arboretum. The grant also will help to fund equipment for use in the burns.



#### **Chicago Wilderness Force of Nature Award**

On June 27, Chicago Wilderness awarded the Village of Green Oaks Volunteer Stewards with the Force of Nature Award. The award, "Outstanding Volunteer-Driven Restoration Project", honored the volunteers' work in the Dennis Dorsey Conservation Area. It recognizes "people and organizations whose environmental conservation, restoration, advocacy, and/or educational activities extend above and beyond the ordinary and are inspirational examples for others." A group of the Green

Oak volunteers, trustees and staff attended the award ceremony at the Chicago Botanic Gardens. The award, an inscribed "tree cookie", is on display at the Village Hall.



#### **Threatened Species**

As we have worked to restore the woods, we have kept an inventory of the very special plants that grow in the Dorsey Conservation Area with its globally imperiled ecosystem. To date, we have inventoried more than 80 native plants. One of those plants is on the Illinois Threatened Species List and is being monitored by the Plants of Concern of the Chicago Botanic Gardens. Rachel Goad, manager of Plants of Concern at the Botanic Gardens, visited the Dorsey Conservation Area this summer to confirm the identification of the plant and to assist in establishing a monitoring protocol.

#### Salamander Monitoring In April, Karen

In April, Karen Glennemeier, a conservation ecologist for the John G. Shedd Aquarium, visited the Dorsey Conservation



Area to help set up a program for monitoring the blue-spotted salamander, which has been named a priority species by Chicago Wilderness. Two residents of Reigate Woods have volunteered to survey the woods during the spring when the blue-spotted salamander is breeding in the vernal ponds. Using a Shedd Aquarium protocol, they will record the number of blue-spotted salamanders in order to track this special population of critters.

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