



Village of Green Oaks

SPRING/SUMMER 2020

President's Corner

Bernard Wysocki Village President



May 1st inaugurates the New Year for all cities and villages in the State of Illinois. This new fiscal year is yet again a time for the Village of Green Oaks to maintain its fundamental balance of being fiscally conservative coupled with the perseverance and determination to remain fully prepared for the highly anticipated future work that awaits us.

Since the recent outbreak of the coronavirus, it doesn't matter whether you're listening, watching or reading the news, it's hard for even the most optimistic among us to stay positive. It's true, we need to take this virus very seriously. We need to understand how to protect ourselves and those around us. We live in a wonderful community with great families and neighbors. Let us weather this storm by helping and caring for each other during these pandemic months. To ease some of the financial and economic stress the Village delayed the wholesale sewer rate increase required by Lake County Public Works and the Libertyville treatment plant until July 1, 2020. Our antidote for keeping things positive is by focusing on all the blessings we receive so we have the energy and resolve needed to weather this storm together.

Staying positive, Green Oaks ranks overall Number 14 of the Best Places to Raise a Family & our Outstanding Public Schools ranked Number 10 in the State of Illinois, according to Niche.com, a Pittsburgh ranking center for schools, cities and villages, and work places.

We begin yet another summer with Village Infrastructure

Improvement Projects occurring both ABOVE and UNDERGROUND! Upcoming "ABOVE GROUND" Projects are the Road Rehabilitation Project including Street Sweeping Services, Pavement Markings and Crack Sealing in addition to the repair of the Atkinson Road Timber Bridge. The "UNDERGROUND" Projects include the Village-wide Water Meter Replacement Program the Banbury/Cranbrook Improvements, Kenton Lane Ditch and Cranbrook Ditch Improvement Extension and finally the Restoration of Meadow Haven Creek. After considerable efforts the Village was awarded \$205,561.25 in Grants for these long awaited Public Works projects.

The Road Rehabilitation Project Scope includes the following roads slated for repair:

• **Glenmore Woods Subdivision:**

Ashford Dr • Scarborough Ct • Windmere Ct
Isleworth Ct • Oakhaven Ct • Braeloch Ct

• **Saddle Hill II Subdivision:**

Churchill Ct • Wickham Ct • Lexington Rd

• **Banbury Subdivision:** Glenmore Rd • Kenton Ln

• **Haven Estates Subdivision:** Haven Ln

• **Equestrian Oaks Subdivision:** Dan Patch Dr

Morgan Ct • Scotland Ct • Rein Ct • Towne Trail

Congratulations to all our 2020 Graduates from OGS, Rondout School & LHS, we know this was not the celebrations our students hoped for this summer, but we can all cheer them on to their next step in life.

Thank you all for your continued patience during the busy construction season and please feel free to contact us for any questions or concerns.

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- Road Rehabilitation Project
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Public Works

John Wagener
Village Trustee



Solid Waste Disposal – As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, our solid waste hauler Groot Industries made a few, temporary changes to our program. They were no longer offering bulk pick-up for a time, but that changed on or about May 11, 2020. Groot resumed collection of bulk items, construction and demolition debris, white goods and e-waste effective May 11th. However, all recyclables and trash must still be placed into their respective totes. ***Loose garbage left at the curbside will not be picked up!*** What this means, for example, is that those extra bundles of cardboard placed next to your tote will be left behind. Residents placing out bagged garbage must continue to make sure it is sealed/tie off.

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County ("SWALCO") still has two public electronics recycling drop offs open for e-scrap in Grayslake and Grant Township, along with the individual town sites that are still open locally. SWALCO temporarily closed down the clothing and shoe collection sites, and has postponed Household Chemical Waste collection events through May for the time being. SWALCO is researching how to safely reopen the HCW program. Please check their website www.swalco.org for more information and updates.

Spring Clean-Up – Groot has recently advised that it will be providing the annual Spring Clean-Up as originally scheduled on the 18th and 20th of May.

Spring Showers – We have had an unusually wet Spring and the weather patterns these past few months have been admittedly non-traditional. In 2019, the Illinois State Water Survey released updated statistical rainfall data for "Bulletin 70" Frequency Distributions of Heavy Precipitation in Illinois. Evaluation of rainfall data from Bulletin 70 indicates that Lake County is receiving between 20% and 45% higher rainfall amounts than in the past. This new data has a significant impact on not only the residents of Lake County, but also the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission ("SMC"). In that regard, SMC will be updating the Watershed Development Ordinance to account for these changes, and the Village in turn adopts the WDO as part of its ordinances, although the Village often has stricter requirements in some areas because of our flat topography.

Due to the increased rain fall, it is even more important to keep the drainage swales on your property clean and clear of vegetation (including the ones in the front along the road). Also, please keep your driveway culverts free and clear of debris that may have accumulated over the winter.

Save the Pipes, Don't Flush Wipes! – With many stores selling out of toilet paper quickly, and residents turning to alternatives like wipes and paper towels, the Lake County Public Works Department ("LCPW") is asking customers to please refrain from disposing of certain products down your toilet. The Village contracts with LCPW to maintain its lift stations and other aspects of our municipal sewer system.

When flushed, products like disinfecting wipes, 'flushable' wipes and paper towels cause clogs which in turn can cause damage to the sewer pipes in your home and yard, the sewer system in your neighborhood, Lake County's pumps and treatment facilities, and the environment. Even if a product is marked 'flushable', it does not mean it is. These products do not degrade like toilet paper and will end up clogging pipes. Only toilet paper and human waste should be flushed - all other products should be disposed of. Thank you for helping protect our water and sewer system!

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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The Village Board of Trustees Committee of the Whole Meetings are held at 7:30 p.m. on the first and third Wednesday of each month ~ Regular Board Meetings are held the fourth Wednesday of each month and are held at Village Hall 2020 O'Plaine Road in Green Oaks.

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In this Newsletter, Ben Metzler, one of our Village engineers discusses the scope and progress of our continuing Road Improvement Project. In addition, residents that live in the southern portion of the Village have received the Mayor's letter regarding the repairs scheduled to be done this summer on Route 176. As the Mayor explained, Route 176 is a state road, and all repairs to it fall under the jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation. As such, there's very little input that the Village has in the scheduling of these repairs. Nevertheless, Peter Baker and Sons, the contractor chosen to repair 176, is working with us to schedule most of the repairs in the evening in order to be the least disruptive as possible to the flow of traffic on Route 176. Any of the work near residential areas, however, will be performed during the day, in order to cut down on any noise in the evening.

In an effort to save money, the Village is once again 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, such as street sweeping, pavement marking and crack sealing. This year, our street sweeping services will be performed by TKG Environmental Services, our pavement marking services will be performed by Precision Pavement Markings, and our crack sealing services will be performed by Patriot Pavement Maintenance.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns about our roads. This is the time of the year where we will be seeing potholes. If you do, please feel free to call the Village Administrative Office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., and we can arrange for them to be filled. Or if you prefer, you can email me through the Village website.

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The Road Rehabilitation Project Has Begun!

In early June the beginning phases of this year's Road Rehabilitation Project will begin. The extent of work includes milling, pulverization, and full depth reclamation with cement stabilization. Cross-road culvert replacement, curb repairs and structure adjustments will be completed as part of this. The Contractor is Peter Baker and Son Company and the Engineer is RHMG Engineers, Inc.

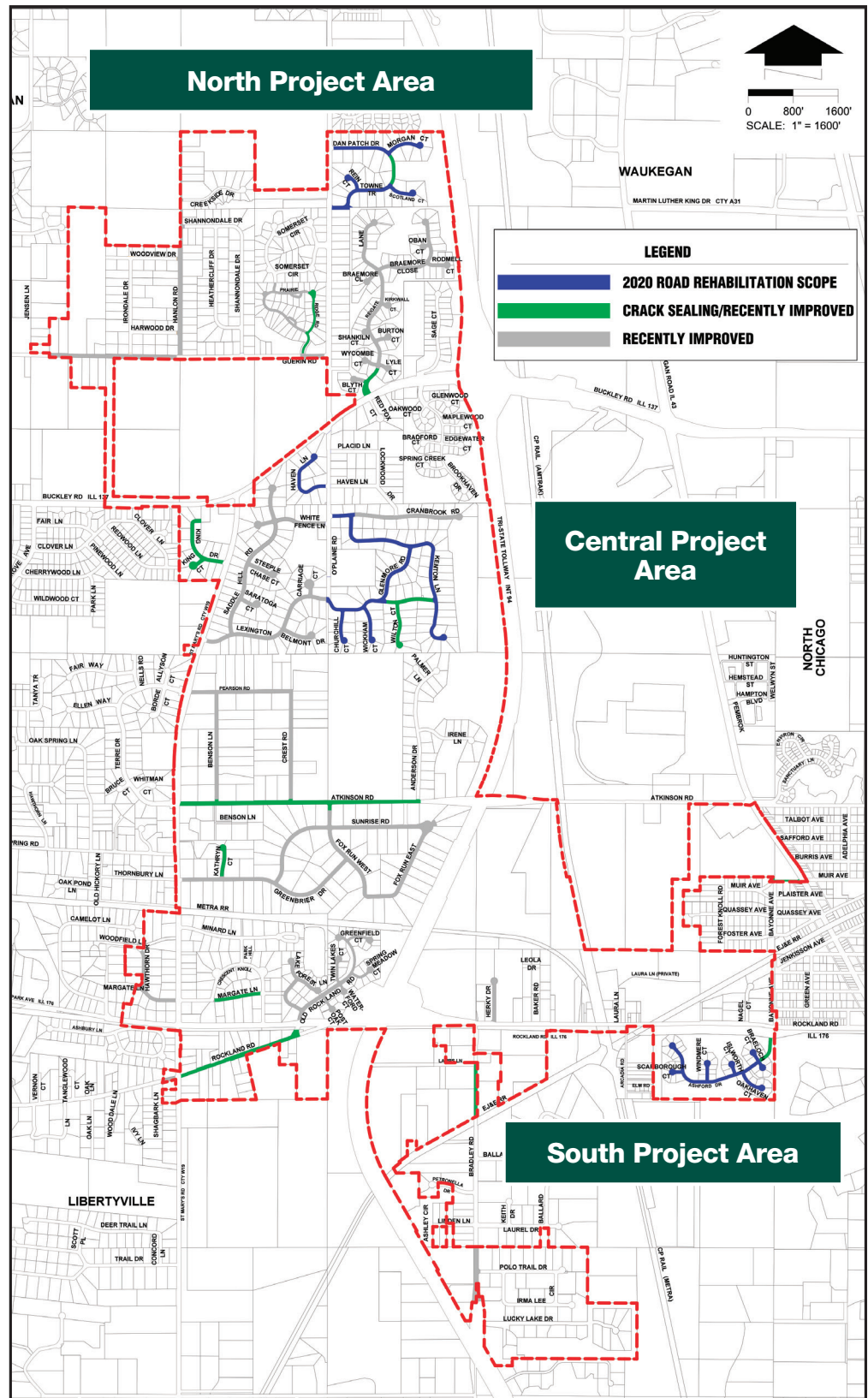
1. Which Roads Will Be Repaired?

The Project is divided into three areas:

- **North** – North of Route 137
- **Central** – Route 137 to Atkinson Road
- **South** – South of Atkinson Road



Cross-road culvert replacement, curb repairs & structure adjustments



2. How Long Will the Project Take?

Weather permitting, the Project is estimated to be completed by mid-September. During construction, there will be periods of action and inaction. Each street will be completed in phases, and there will be periods of time where it seems like nothing is being done. But the contractor is either working in another project area or waiting for a component to be completed.



3. Will I Be Able to Drive on the Roads During Construction?

Yes. You will be able to drive on the pulverized roads. There will be temporary lane closures to one lane during active construction.

5. Who Can I Contact During Construction?

The Village will have at least one representative on site at all times, and additional staff will be on-site when the contractor has multiple crews working. **Tip: Look for a Silver Jeep Liberty with RHMG license plates – you may have seen one in your neighborhood before!** Remember, RHMG is the engineer on the Project.

- Village Administrative Office , 9:00am – 2:00pm Monday through Friday at 847-362-5363
- Scott Reisinger with RHMG at 847-668-3141

We will post periodic project updates on our website, www.greenoaks.org.



4. What Will Happen to my Driveway Apron?



- Driveway aprons will be replaced to provide a smooth transition to the new pavement – typically within 8 feet of the road.
- Driveways will be replaced in kind – asphalt with asphalt, concrete with concrete, and brick paver with brick paver.
- On brick paver driveways, the pavers will be stockpiled adjacent to the driveway and re-set after the final asphalt layer has been placed.
- Concrete driveway replacement will take 3 days to cure – access to your driveway will be interrupted during that period. There will be notification in advance of the work.
- Driveway culvert replacement is not included in the scope of work.



We appreciate your patience during the process & welcome any questions or concerns you may have.

Fire Safety Message

Chief Carani - Libertyville Fire Department

Hello Green Oaks Residents! I hope you are all doing well and staying healthy during the COVID-19 pandemic. I want everyone to know that the Libertyville Fire Department is still here, providing emergency services and working hard to make sure our residents are informed and safe as we navigate through this emergency together. The Libertyville Fire Department began planning for the COVID-19 pandemic in January when details of the virus were becoming known around the world. Because of our experience and training in Emergency Management, plans have been adopted to address flooding, winter storms, tornadoes and pandemics. We have been working with the Village of Green Oaks since the beginning of this pandemic to assure everyone is on the same page strategically and we want to make sure our communication is consistent and timely. Just as we have in the past, we are working with the Village of Green Oaks to make sure all their emergency service needs are met during this pandemic.

As residents, we need you to do your part to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. There are a few basic tasks everyone can learn to help stop the spread of viruses now and in the future.

PRACTICE THE THREE C'S.

Clean - wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoid touching your eyes nose and mouth, clean and disinfect surfaces frequently.

Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue or your sleeve.

Contain - stay at home when you are sick and avoid close contact with people who are sick. Stopping the spread can be this simple.

For information on COVID -19 and the current situation in Lake County and Illinois, please go to the Lake County Health Department Coronavirus Disease 2019 website for details.

In other Fire Department news, the Fire Department has been approved to order a new ambulance May 1st. The Fire Department operates five ambulances and keeps them in service for ten years. Our ambulances are equipped with the most up to date medical equipment to serve our residents. Last year, the Fire Department sent out our 100 ft Ladder Tower Truck for rehabilitation. The truck was nineteen years old and due to be replaced in 2020. Because of the well-maintained condition



Building Department

Richard Glogovsky

Village Trustee

We are close to the construction season and many of the Village's residential roads will be repaved. This would be a great time to look at your driveway and patios and determine if they need repair or replacement. Remember: There are NO LONGER Road bonds needed (previously required) from residents for new driveways, patios or small concrete pours.

We have updated the fire protection system in the Village Hall. The previous system was over 30 years-old and had become non-compliant.

I will continue to propose expenses in our 2021 Building Department Budget to complete new electrical lighting and Village Hall power requirements to certify the building towards a Leed Certified Facility. We are working on energy savings and emergency facility support in the lower level. In the end, this work will save the Village in energy costs.

Some building projects for the next year will be the following:

- Refurbishing the two entry areas & doors to the Village Hall
- Concrete repair in entry area of Village Hall
- Complete the refurbishment of the lower level washrooms
- Continue working with businesses in our business district to clean up the areas they inhabit and confirm all businesses are compliant and licensed

We will be reducing our department's budget and complete all tasks using fiscal responsibility.

Building applications and additional information are available at the Village Hall and online at www.greenoaks.org. Should you need additional information, please call the Village Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at (847) 362-5363.

As I have always told residents, if you ever have any questions, please call us for support.

of the truck, we were able to do a complete rehabilitation and extend the life of the truck an additional twenty years. The rehabilitation saved taxpayers over \$600,000 versus the cost of a new truck with the same features.

We look forward to starting up our public education programs and getting out in the community again. Please stay safe, practice good hygiene, and look out for your family and neighbors. We are here if you need us. Please call with any questions.

A Day @ "The Office"

Denise Kafkis

Village Administrator



Serving as Village Administrator of Green Oaks is an opportunity that I genuinely cherish ~ each and every day brings new opportunities to make a difference in the lives of others and finding new solutions to problems faced by our community. Over the past month and a half, during the COVID-19 Pandemic, our team remains strong at Village Hall, Mayor Wysocki and Village Board, in addition to our Legal, Engineering & Planning groups continue to work tirelessly delivering valuable results in accomplishing our "new normal" goals.

Here at Village Hall our culture is one that consistently looks for and delivers positive & optimistic outlooks. Know you can always lean on and trust in your community. Green Oaks is a fiscally strong community filled with great families, who have made forever friends by living and working here. We are truly living the American Dream simply by having a chance to be a part of such an amazing Village affording our families with the opportunity to attend excellent public schools, and has a progressive TIF Business District all which in turn offers us the real strength to get us through each and every day.

Village Hall remains open to the public by appointment, phone & email during normal business hours Monday through Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and now boasts a new Drop Box making it even more convenient for our residents and businesses to drop off mail and save on postage! Give us a call ~ Caitlin, Elke, Julie, Cathy and I are happy to assist you.

Our Village is working for each and every one of us at every moment. Green Oaks works collectively with the City of Waukegan and Lake County Public Works to ensure that the best water and waste water service are allocated to our residents and business owners. The Village Administrative Office manages the billing and receipt of all payment(s) for residents with water, sewer and sewer maintenance services. If you are selling your home, please be sure to contact the Village for an updated closing statement.

Building Department Services are contracted through R Professional Group. Rich Politowicz is the Building Commissioner and has office hours at Village Hall Monday and Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. All Permit Applications may be obtained at the Village Hall Monday thru Friday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by simply downloading an application from our website at greenoaks.org.

Many residents look forward to taking a healthy walk or bike ride around the neighborhood. Pothole repair and maintenance throughout the Village is supported by Marty Neal and Mike Zorn of the Libertyville Township Highway Department. Please call the Administrative Office and notify us of any roadway concerns. It is the consensus of many that it's NOT preferred to see what your neighbor's four legged family member left behind for you to see. So at this time having some baggage is a good thing. Let's be considerate of our neighbor's property and the community,



and carry a "doggie bag", dispose of it in your own waste container, and please remember to keep your friend on a leash.

The Green Oaks Business Park continues to be full of zip with trucks, dirt and lots of activity bringing attention to the recent development of new public works/utility infrastructure and road/building construction. North Shore Care Supply, an adult/pet diaper supplier, is now open and located at 1 Confidence Drive in Green Oaks. You can learn more about this exciting new company in our newsletter.

These are just a few instances of how we get to humbly serve the Residents and Business Owners of the Village of Green Oaks and how very fortunate are we to call Green Oaks our HOME.

Simply put...Green Oaks is a great place to live, work and raise a family!

Please Welcome
Our New Plan
Commission Member
Jeff Powers



Jeff currently resides in Green Oaks with his wife, Diane and son, Tristan.

Welcome Jeff!

NorthShore Care Supply Announces Expansion in Green Oaks

NorthShore Care Supply, the company behind NorthShore® brand premium adult diapers, is moving to a new 173,000 square foot facility in Green Oaks, Ill. in March 2020. The new building more than doubles its current space and will include NorthShore's headquarters, U.S. fulfillment center, contact center, research & development unit as well as quality control lab.

"It's going to be an exciting year for our company as we complete our relocation and bring online our new fulfillment center with heavy investments in automation and robotics," says Adam Greenberg, founder and president. "We also have planned investments in new products, advertising campaigns and an educational campaign designed to address the stigma that exists around incontinence."

NorthShore focuses on providing products and supplies for individuals with moderate to heavy incontinence, unlike traditional retail brands that cater to lighter incontinence. "We've found that people with heavy incontinence and their caregivers are not only desperate for products that won't leak all night long but welcome the chance to talk to someone without fear of embarrassment," says Greenberg, who is a board-certified Patient Advocate. "At NorthShore, we focus on being as kind and caring as possible to help people return to their routines, end constant worry about leaks and encourage them to seek medical attention that many people unfortunately delay for years."

"The new location will make it easier for us to further our mission of helping others by offering more space for our Diaper Donation Program where we coordinate regular donations of products and supplies to those with financial hardships through diaper banks, food pantries and animal shelters," says Vicki Wolpoff, director of Marketing & Communication. "Under Adam's leadership, NorthShore is also very responsive to the needs of military veterans and their families and contributes to many non-profits, supporting research and education for autism, Alzheimer's, cerebral palsy, spina bifida as well as other medical conditions."

The new facility's Green Oaks location was chosen due to its convenient location




Vehicle Stickers



In early June, 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 through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to request that one be mailed to you. If the form is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary corrections before returning. To avoid penalties or possibly being sent to collections, please remember to send in your vehicle sticker applications or simply stop by the Village Hall to purchase your 2020-2021 vehicle stickers by July 1st.

adjacent to the Tri-State highway and proximity to individuals living in northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin. "The Village of Green Oaks has been very welcoming," says Greenberg. "It has been a nice collaboration and we cannot wait to be part of the community."



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