

The OakLeaf

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VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER



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GREEN OAKS

The image shows a green sign with a white oak tree logo at the top. The sign is mounted on a brick wall. The text on the sign reads: 'VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS', 'MAYOR BERNARD WYSOCKI', and 'INTELLIGENCE IS THE ABILITY 2 ADAPT 2 CHANGE'. The sign is set against a background of a blue sky with white clouds and green trees.

MAYOR BERNARD WYSOCKI

**INTELLIGENCE
IS THE ABILITY
2 ADAPT 2
CHANGE**

NORTH SHORE

Annual Fall Leaf Pick Up
Annual Holiday Chorus Concert
Important Election Information
Much, Much More...

President's Corner

Bernard Wysocki

Village President

Fest! With the easing of restrictions on Covid during this past summer, more and more of our friends and neighbors could be seen having block parties, deck parties and cul-de-sac parties throughout the Village.

Neighborhood events are a great way to bring our community closer together. Whether the intent is to help raise money for a cause, celebrating something special, or simply wanting to get to know everyone in your area a little better.

Green Oaks hosted its first OAKTOBERFEST in partnership with Lambs Farm. There was great food, drinks and music. The best part of the evening was the many different residents that came to the social event.

There were residents who were new to the area or had lived here for many years. There were parents and grandparents playing and dancing with the kids.

After "sheltering in place" for so long it was great to see so many having fun for a great institution like Lambs Farm. Thank you all from the Village who volunteered their time and energy to make this event a success.

With fall and winter upon us, don't forget that leaf pick-up begins Saturdays, October 22nd through November 26th. Please make sure the leaves are raked to the edge of the street to allow them to be vacuumed up. We are one of few communities that proved this service. Help the environment and don't burn your leaves.

As we prepare for winter, please take caution for children and walkers on our streets. Check on your neighbors and be safe.

Please Welcome Tony Filippo

Our New Plan Commission Member

Tony, a native of Waukegan, has resided in the Village of Green Oaks with his wife, Julie and their family for 18 years. They have raised three grown children. The Village is honored to have Tony serve on the Plan Commission.

Welcome Tony!



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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

Committee of the Whole:

1st Wed. Immediately following 7:30pm TIF Committee

3rd Wednesday @ 7:30pm

TIF Committee: 1st Wednesday @ 7:30pm

Regular Board: 4th Wednesday @ 7:30pm

Plan Commission: 2nd Wed @ 7:30pm – As Needed

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Finance

Mahdi Sellami

Village Trustee

Lake County residents are blessed with Independence Grove, a state-of-the-art park stretching over 1000 acres yet meticulously designed with a picturesque backdrop that showcases the beauty of our nature throughout the seasons. A true asset for our community with miles of trails and open areas offering a variety of outdoor recreational opportunities year-round as well as a playground, café, pavilions, a visitor center and multiple parking lots with abundant capacity.

Although Green Oaks is amongst those communities that are particularly fortunate just by its close vicinity to the park, there remains no direct non-motorized connectivity to it.

Guerin Road has been a common access route that made sense to bike or walk for Green Oaks residents who like to get to this park without driving. With Guerin Road being designed as a rather motorist route without sidewalks or any sort of pedestrian accommodation, the Village is looking to enhance it with a dedicated non-motorist path that will contribute to the safety and pleasant experience of our residents.

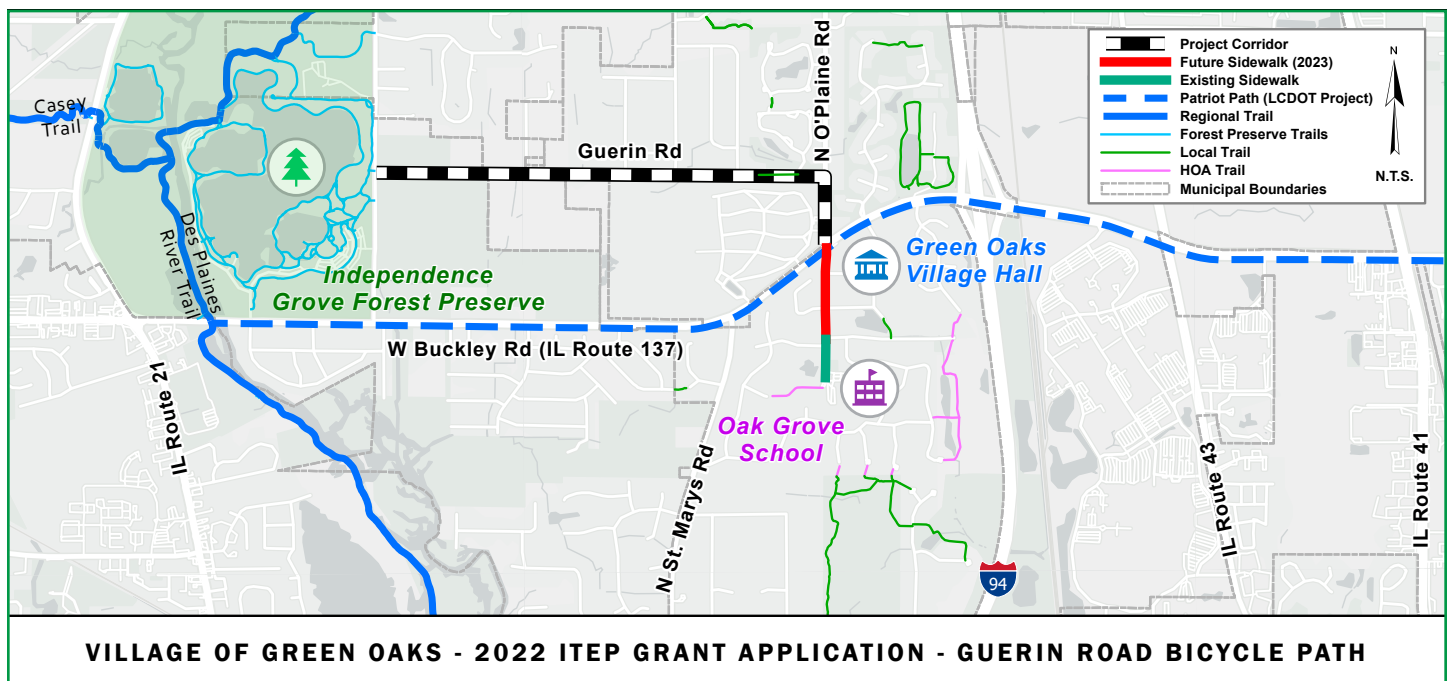
To help fund this project, the Village applied for a grant with ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) which combines federal and state funds earmarked for transportation infrastructure initiatives like this one.



Results of the application will be known in the spring and if approved, the Village engineers will proceed with a Phase I feasibility study.

Guerin is an east/west road, and the project is scoped so that the path continues south on the west side of O'Plaine Road towards Oak Grove School as well as a crossing O'Plaine at the 137 intersection to connect to the upcoming Memorial Garden Park while allowing residents on the east side of O'Plaine access to the path.

Stay tuned on this exciting project. In the meantime, many thanks to our residents and HOA's who provided letters to support the grant application!



Public Works

John Wagener

Village Trustee

Municipal Water Connections – The Public Works Committee is pleased to announce that the Village's contractor has completed the water system improvements as part of Special Service Area (SSA) #13 Watermain Extension project. This project was located along Placid Lane, Haven Lane and Lockwood Drive, just east of O'Plaine Road. Each lot has been provided a service stub for connection to public water supply. Homeowners looking to connect are responsible for contracting with a plumber and obtaining a building permit from the Village. Once the permit is received, water connection can be completed.

The roadway improvements associated with the SSA #13 service area are completed. The work consists of pulverization and cement stabilization of the roadway base, installation of a new paved roadway, driveway apron removal and replacement



and installation of a two-foot-wide aggregate shoulder along the roadway's edge. The duration of this work took approximately two weeks. Dust, noise, and minor traffic inconveniences were inherent to the construction process. We appreciated your patience and understanding while we completed this work.



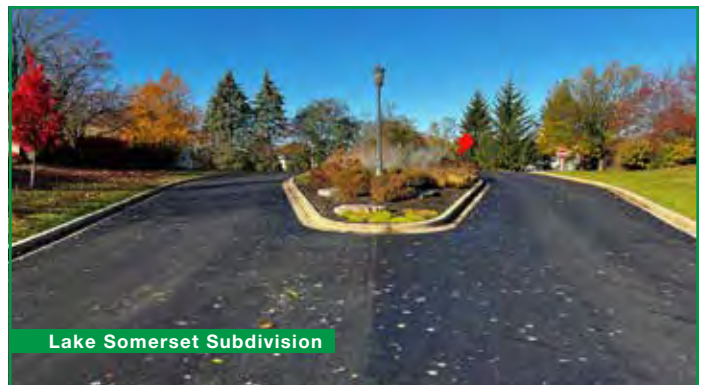
Streets & Roads ~ 2022 Road Update

Dan Sugrue

Village Trustee

Progress continued on the Village's road rehabilitation and maintenance program which has rehabilitated nearly 18 of the 27 miles of Village roads since 2019. The following activities were performed this construction season:

- 1. Road Rehabilitation** - All streets in the Lake Somerset and Forest Glen subdivisions and Bayonne Drive were milled and overlaid, at a cost of approximately \$800,000. Additionally, streets within the County Clerks Subdivision (Haven, Lockwood, and Placid) were cement stabilized and overlaid in conjunction with SSA #13, at a cost of approximately \$275,000.
- 2. Pavement Rating Study** - The Village Engineer is finalizing the quadrennial pavement evaluation, assessing condition and future capital improvement plans for Village Roads. The work over the past three years will result in an overall increase in the average condition of the roads, and we will shift our focus to performing activities which extend the pavement life of the recently repaved roads.
- 3. Pavement Maintenance – Crack Sealing** - Recently paved roads throughout the Village will be crack sealed. Centerline cracks, pavement-curb joints, and other cracks will be filled with rubberized crack seal to prevent water from entering the pavement base.
- 4. Pavement Maintenance – Rejuvenator**: The Village applied reclamite to nearly 8 miles of recently paved roads. The product seals the surface of the asphalt, delaying the formation of cracks at the surface and extending the pavement life for up to 5 years. At a cost of approximately \$1 per square yard, a one-year extension of the pavement life is financially advantageous to the Village. The Village previously applied this product to streets in Tantara, Ashford Trails, and Saddle Hill as well as Rockland Road in 2020.



Friendly Reminders

- Snow will be plowed when accumulation is **greater than 1"** on all streets
- Major intersections will always be salted during a plow event
- In the event of icy conditions, neighborhoods & side streets will be salted
- All claims must be made within **5 days of damage**

- 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 mailboxes to determine current conditions
- Consider marking areas of property and covering plants that are a concern for possible snowplow damage
- Please keep your garbage & recycle containers off the street during a plow event



OAK TOBERFEST

Village of
Green Oaks

On October 1, 2022, Green Oaks hosted its first ever Oaktoberfest at Lambs Farm.
Many residents enjoyed the food, refreshments and live music.

Thank you for making this such a success!





Annual Fall Leaf Pick-up

It's that time of year again to shake-n-rake! 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 22nd - November 26th**

On the night before, or by 6:00 a.m. 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 ensure 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 847-693-2700 to inquire about the programs and options.



KEY GENERAL ELECTION DATES

- **Oct 24 – Nov 6:** Early Voting Sites Open
- **Nov. 3:** Last day to request vote-by-mail ballot by mail or in person
- **Nov. 8:** Last day to hand-deliver vote-by-mail ballot
- **Nov. 8:** Election Day 6 a.m. – 7 p.m.

Scan this code with your smartphone camera to link to the Illinois State Board of Elections site, or go to elections.il.gov.



Holiday Chorus Annual Concert

BENEFITS PADS OF LAKE COUNTY



A variety of Christmas carols, popular songs and choral selections will be performed to get everyone in the holiday spirit. Audience participation is encouraged!

- Friday, December 16, 2022 7:30pm
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church
- 1151 N. St. Mary's Rd • Libertyville

Free admission, however monetary donations to PADS is appreciated. Call Nancy Chaudry at 847-362-3809 for more information.

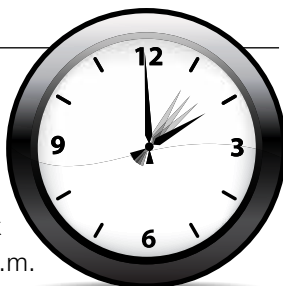
Bonfire Burn Reminder

Fires are a pleasant part of the summer and fall but can be less pleasant for someone who has allergies or respiratory issues. Please be considerate of your neighbors if they have those conditions. Also, there are rules in the Village to make sure everyone is safe and healthy during an outdoor recreational fire. They are found in the Village code in Chapter 8 and shown on the permit itself. (These are different from the rules in unincorporated Lake County.) The application outlines what you can and cannot do. A permit is required for all fires, but the permits are free and can be obtained at the Village Office. So, get a permit before you burn. Again, please be considerate and check with your neighbors that your fire will not have an adverse effect on them.

REMEMBER...

Daylight Savings Time!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 6th at 2:00 a.m.



Village of Green Oaks' Fountain of Youth



Thanks Billy!

The Village of Green Oaks commends Billy Sims for his Eagle Scout project that involved replacing all of the missing and broken wooden slats for the fencing in the parking lot of Lake Kathryn. Congratulations on demonstrating outstanding leadership and obtaining the highest of scouting awards! Way to go, Billy!



Congrats Elsie!

Elsie Colin, a 7th grader at Oak Grove School recently participated in the Illinois Elementary School Association (IESA) state championships Cross-Country Meet Saturday, October 15th at Maxwell Park in Normal, Illinois. She placed 41st out of 237 participants. Way to hustle, Elsie!



A Day @ “The Office”

Denise Kafkis, Village Administrator

Happy Fall & Welcome to “A Day @ the Office” portion of our Fall Edition of the Oak Leaf Newsletter. More importantly, WELCOME to the many new families that have chosen Green Oaks to call their home.

With the holiday season vastly approaching, I don’t know about you but for me it’s hard sometimes to enjoy celebrating the current holiday in chronological order. So, over the course of this upcoming holiday’s history ~Thanksgiving~ I stumbled upon a study by Statista, and interesting enough they say that 50% of Americans reported that celebrating Thanksgiving is very important, while 70% of Americans think Thanksgiving is a holiday to spend time with family. Of the millions of people celebrating this holiday, many feel the need to express their gratitude and take inspiration from others.

So while I have the chance to express myself, I’ll take it! I’m so very thankful for my family and friends, all of whom I feel as if a lifetime isn’t long enough to love each and every one of them. To my Village family, you’re my every day and wouldn’t change a thing.

I genuinely believe “It Takes a Village to Raise a Family” and to me, this Village shaped me in so many different positive ways throughout my life and ya’ know ~ I’m the luckiest girl on the planet!

When someone moves to Green Oaks, one quickly realizes you’re becoming a part of this amazing Village family. We all come from different doors to make a family and the trust, cohesiveness, respect and inspiration we find and share here in G.O. is something you will not find anywhere else.

Green Oaks to me is what I call a “Boutique Village” not a “Department Store Village”. We provide a unique community experience different from the norm. We are committed to building and maintaining relationships that last a lifetime.

***Have a Happy
Thanksgiving!***





Village of Green Oaks BUSINESS GUIDE

HAVE A BUSINESS & WANT TO ADVERTISE?

Contact the Village Administrative Office or visit greenoaks.org for the application. To place your ad in the newsletter, it requires a business card and a fee of \$150 for 1 year. We appreciate your continued support to our village and look forward to advertising your business in our popular Village Oakleaf Newsletter.

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Upcoming Events

FALL LEAF PICK-UP

Saturdays

October 22, 2022 - November 26, 2022

SANTA PARADE

Saturday, December 10, 2022

Begins 3:00 p.m.

GREEN OAKS HOLIDAY CHORUS CONCERT

Friday, December 16, 2022

7:30 p.m.

Holy Cross Lutheran Church

