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VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER



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**Committee of the Whole:** 1st Wed. @ 7:30pm  
Immediately following 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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# President's Corner

**Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President**

Since this past spring the village board has been discussing additional protection for our residents. One of the plans that the Village agreed on was the Flock Safety Surveillance Company.

This is an American company that sells car license plate recognition technology to villages and neighborhood associations. They install cameras on light posts that scan license plates and send instant alerts to the Sherriff's office. When the cameras identify license plates that match those plates with a list of cars stolen or involved in crimes, the Sherriff is notified.

We are one of many Lake County communities to use this latest technology to detect and deter criminal activity. The cameras have been installed on the major streets where vehicles enter and leave our village. A vehicle "fingerprint" will include the license plate, make, model, color and number of times the vehicle has been seen.

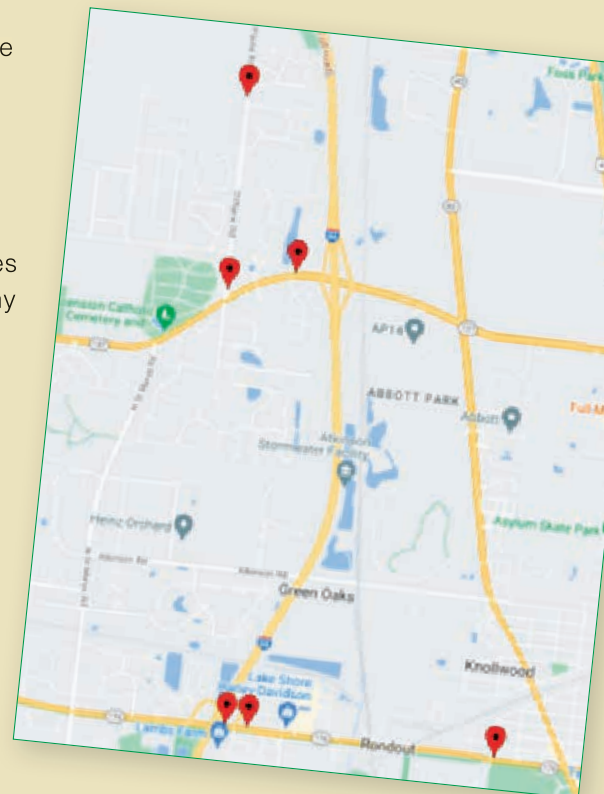
Alerts are sent to officers for cars wanted in connection with crimes, stolen vehicles, wanted persons and Amber/Silver alerts for missing persons. Approximately 70% of all crimes involve a vehicle in some way, and this will provide the police another weapon to fight crime.

There will be no facial recognition or personally identifiable resident information. This will also not be tied to any traffic enforcement that we undertake.

We will lease the hardware annually and update as needed. The cameras are solar-powered and connect to the cloud.

Remember that it still takes all of us to be aware of any suspicious activity in our neighborhoods. If you see something, say something. The Village and the Sherriff can use your help.

**Flock Camera  
Locations in  
Green Oaks**





On May 24, Mayor Wysocki swore in Jeff Powers as the newly appointed Plan Commission Chairman and Scott Singer as a new Plan Commission Member. Congratulations! Thank you for your service.

# Congratulations Everyone!

*Thank You For Your Service*



Jeff Powers along with his wife, Diane and son, Tristan after being sworn in by Mayor Wysocki.



Scott Singer along with his wife, Anna and kids, witness Scott's swearing in by the Mayor. Welcome to the Plan Commission, Scott!



# Public Works

John Wagener ~ Village Trustee

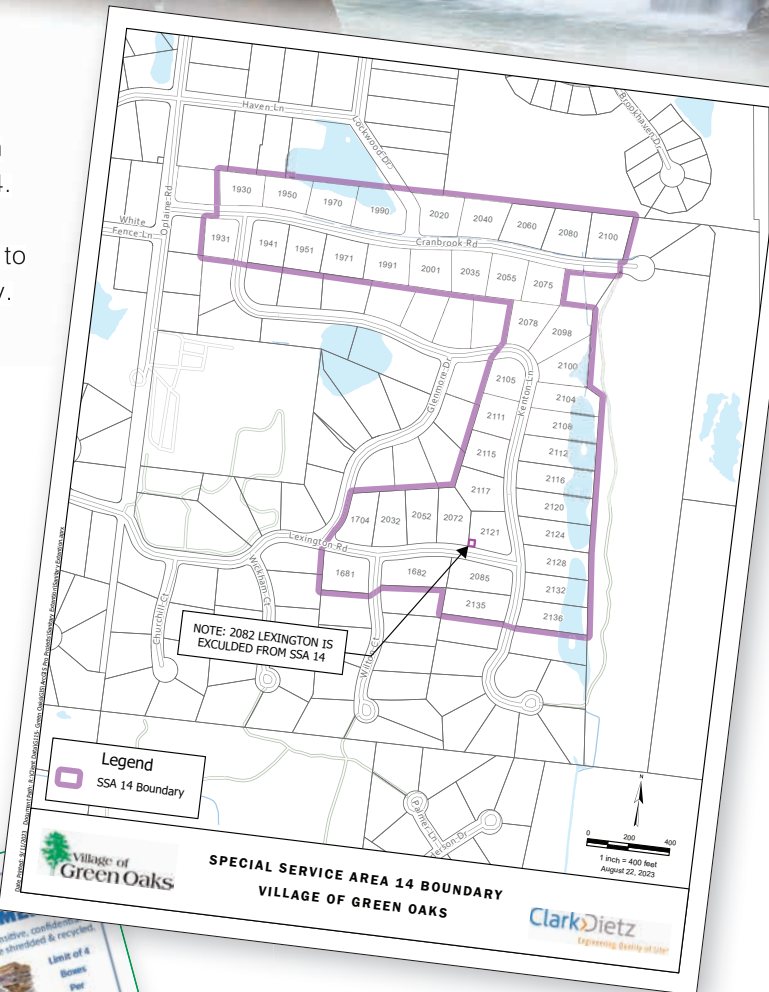
**Municipal Water Connections** – The Village Board will be proposing the creation of Special Service Area No.14 Watermain Extension project, with an eye toward digging in the Spring 2024. This project is located primarily along Cranbrook and Kenton. If the project moves forward, homeowners in that area will be able to enjoy the benefits of a consistent reliable municipal water supply. Although support among the residents is strong, the project will still be required to move through the required steps as outlined in the Illinois Revised Statutes (35 ILCS 200/27-5) before it becomes a reality.

**SWALCO Shred & Seeds Event** – On Saturday October 7, 2023 from 9 am to Noon at the Vernon Hills Metra Station (75 East US 45), SWALCO will be hosting a shredding and seed event for households/residents only – no businesses please. You can bring up to 4 boxes of documents to be shredded and recycled until the truck is full. Also, each vehicle will receive a packet of seeds that will benefit pollinators while supplies last.

**Fall Leaf Pick Up** – Just a friendly reminder that leaf burning is prohibited in the Village. Instead, the Village offers no-cost leaf pick-up in the fall.

Simply rake your leaves to the edge of the road and Groot will send a vacuum truck around the Village once a week early on Saturdays to pick them up. The burning of leaves is prohibited by Village Ordinance, with fines ranging from \$100 to \$750. This season's Fall Leaf Pick Up will start October 21st and run every Saturday until November 25th.

**Residents are to rake leaves to within 5 feet of the edge of the road, not in ditches.**



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 the Village Administrative Office or your Public Works Committee chair at [john.wagener@greenoaks.org](mailto:john.wagener@greenoaks.org).



# Finance

Mahdi Sellami ~ Village Trustee

## Green Oaks Memorial Garden

On Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 the Village of Green Oaks held a Ground Breaking Ceremony for their Memorial Garden, located directly across from Village Hall on the Northwest corner of Buckley and O'Plaine Roads in Green Oaks. A big thanks goes out to Village Landscape Architect Brad Detloff, Village Planner, Jeramiah Yeksavich of Manhardt Consulting, Village Engineer, Ben Metzler of Clark Dietz and Contractor A. Jules Construction, LLC who will bring this empty corner alive.

Kicking off this project as a tribute Honoring The past and present Residents and Veterans of our Hometown, The Village Green Oaks.

We all come from different doors to make a family, and that's what we are here in Green Oaks, a family. We are blessed to have and have had that special someone, a neighbor, teacher, friend, a community member in our hometown who play a big role in making us who we are. We simply want to honor our hometown and those special people who have been a part of the fabric of the Village of Green Oaks.

These are the bonds that unify us. We believe the stories from our Green Oaks Family, serve as a reminder that more connects us than divides us and leads to our ultimate goal of making Green Oaks the best, most unforgettable, amazing town it can be.

Some people judge towns by their population. Others judge them by amenities such as parks and playgrounds. Many consider school systems and tax policies. Some even judge towns by the quality and longevity of their small independent diners and cafés. Here in Green Oaks we have all that and more. Green Oaks is a

very special place to live, work, raise a family and find those relationships that last a lifetime.

So, to any of us who are too busy that we think we can't go back to our hometowns, that's precisely the time that one finds the need to go back home. There's usually unconditional love, healing and restoration waiting there that reminds us who we are.





# A Day @ The Office

Denise Kafkis ~ Village Administrator

Welcome to another A Day @ the Office portion of our Fall Edition of the Oak Leaf Newsletter. AUTUMN'S UP! Now that the weather is beginning to change from summer to winter, we can all look forward to another amazing season here in Green Oaks!

Interesting fun fact why some say Autumn or Fall. Both Fall and Autumn stem from Britain, Autumn was the more popular word for a long time. It wasn't until the 1800s that American English and British English took unofficial stances on the words: Fall is the word of choice in the U.S. and Autumn is the word of choice in Britain. To many of us, Fall/Autumn means a season of Thanksgiving and praise. It's a time when we gather with family and friends near or far to humbly give thanks for the many blessings, safe journeys, military victories and abundant harvests that has been so graciously bestowed upon us.

## Cars & Coffee Family Event

Did you know that every single Saturday and Sunday of every single weekend in the U.S. there is a Cars & Coffee event for every car or bike enthusiast? Well, in Green Oaks we are hosting our 3rd Annual Cars & Coffee Family Event this year on Sunday, October 8th from 9 a.m. to Noon at Lambs Farm.. Lambs Farm will have items for purchase and North Shore Distillery will be present as well to serve some signature refreshing beverages to sample.



## Lake County Sheriff DEA Drug Take Back

October 31st 4pm to 8pm

## Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

October 31st 4pm to 8pm

## Turn Back Time..

Sunday November 5th @ 2am



## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

This year our Annual Fall Leaf Pick-Up Dates begin the week of 10.23.23 thru 11.25.23 Collection will be on Saturdays (10.21/10.28/11.4/11.11/11.18/11.25)







On June 4, 2023 the Village hosted a...

## 100 Year Anniversary Of The Village Hall Building

...Formerly Oak Grove School. Thank you to the residents and first responders for making this day a success.

A bit of history behind the current Village of Green Oaks Village Hall. There were many barriers to the early settlement of the area to the east of the Des Plaines River that is today known as Green Oaks. The dense forest had to be cut and the swamps drained in order to begin pioneer farming here.

One of the earliest settlers was Thomas Madden, who bought some land about three miles east of the river in the year 1844. His house stood just about where the Milwaukee Road railroad tracks pass under Buckley Road. At the time, it was called Madden Road which ran from Lake Michigan and was nothing more than a footpath. It was on Madden Road that Thomas Madden donated property for a new school in 1850. Madden school was used for many years, but in 1919 the Directors realized that they needed a new, more modern school.

Oak Grove School was originally called Madden School, and it was located on St. Mary's Road in Green Oaks.

The first building was a log cabin built in 1850. There were two terms. The summer term, held from May to September, was for the younger children, and the winter term, held from November to March, was for the older children. Back in the day, female teachers earned around \$28 per month while male teachers earned about \$40-50 per month. Some of the first teachers were Lizzie Finney (1883), G.T. Hattley (1886), & J.T. Delaney (1886).

On June 7th, 1919 voters passed the \$10,000 bond for the construction of a new school located on the same site as the original. The board agreed and everything would have gone smoothly had it not been for Mr. Arthur Simpson. Mr. Arthur Simpson (County Superintendent) refused to approve a new school on the site, arguing that the conditions of the grounds were unsanitary. The bond would go before the voters again in 1920 and 1922, with slightly different sites.

As fate would have it, on November 12, 1923 Madden School was moved to a new location at the corner of O'Plaine and Buckley Roads, and its name was changed to Oak Grove School. At that time served as the only school east of the river in Libertyville. A bond for \$15,000 was passed so the new school could be built. Mr. Elmer Beckwith was the first teacher.

When this school became crowded, a new school was built further south on O'Plaine Road. The old Oak Grove school became the Village of Green Oaks Town Hall. Our present day Oak Grove School was opened in 1957. New additions to this latest school were added in 1960, 1964, 1970, 1977, 1990, & 1997.







# OAKTOBERFEST

Village of  
Green Oaks

On September 9, 2023, the Village hosted their 2nd Annual Oaktoberfest at Lambs Farm. The evening was filled with friends and neighbors enjoying fun games, delicious food & refreshments, and live music! Special shout out to the vendors who helped make this event special! Hope to see everyone again at next year's Oaktoberfest!

## Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee









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### **CARS & COFFEE FAMILY EVENT**

Sunday, Oct 8 • 9 a.m. – Noon • Lambs Farm

### **FALL LEAF PICK-UP**

Saturdays • October 21 – November 25

### **4TH QUARTER WATER, SEWER, SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS DUE**

October 30

### **TRICK OR TREAT HOURS**

October 31 • 4 p.m. – 8 p.m.

### **LCS DRUG TAKE BACK DAY**

Sat. Oct 28 • 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. • Village Hall

