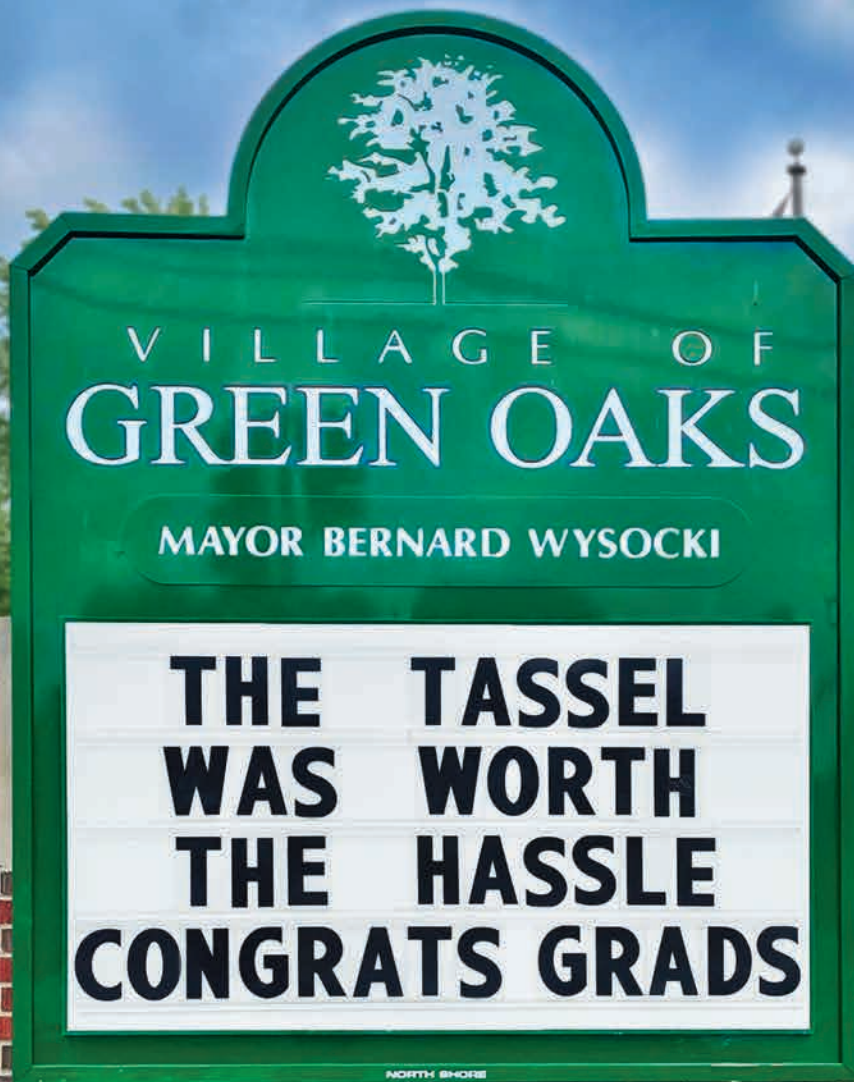


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Immediately following TIF Committee  
3rd Wednesday @ 7:30pm

**TIF Committee:** 1st Wednesday @ 7:30pm

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

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# President's Corner

**Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President**

When my family and I moved into the Village of Green Oaks, the Village was less than 25 years old. However settlers in the early 1800's were able to purchase an acre of land at \$1.25 an acre.

As passed on to me by various families that lived in the area before 1960, when the Village was incorporated, Thomas Madden bought land about 3 miles from the Des Plaines River. His house was located where the railroad tracks intersect with Buckley Road. At the time, the road running from Lake Michigan to the river was called Madden Road. He donated land for a school back in 1850. Madden School was used until the area residents built a new school.

On November 12, 1923 a new school was opened called Oak Grove School where the present Village Hall stands. It was a one room school house with a classroom on the first floor and other rooms were located in the basement. It was one of the only schools east of the river and east of Libertyville.

In 1957, the present Oak Grove School was built and is located at the end of O'Plaine Road. For years the old Oak Grove School was vacant. Finally, the United Way of Lake County, seeking a county-wide central location, bought the building and expanded the building to the south of the original school house.

A part of the agreement to locate the United Way in the Village, the Board of Trustees for Green Oaks used one room to conduct Village business in 1994, then the Village bought the entire building as our Village Hall. Fast forward to June 4, 2023. We plan to have the 100th anniversary of the building.

On Sunday, June 4th from 1:00pm to 3:30pm, we will have an Open House and will have refreshments and some sweets in the Board Room. Outside in the parking lot we plan to have the Lake County Sheriff's canine unit provide a demonstration of the dog training. The Sheriff's deputies will provide answers to any questions or comments regarding public safety.

In addition, the Fire Department will bring one of their fire trucks for the kids to view and information regarding C.P.R. training and will answer your questions for keeping your family safe.

Please join us Sunday, June 4th 2023, from 1:00pm to 3:30pm for a pleasant Sunday afternoon. More information on this free casual event will be forthcoming. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Village Administrative Office.



On April 26, Mayor Wysocki swore in the newly re-elected Village Trustees. Congratulations! Thank you for your service.



Rich Glogovsky is being sworn in alongside his wife, Juliet.



John Wagener is being sworn in as daughter, Caitlin watches by his side.



Dan Sugrue's family - son Kevin and wife Margo - watch as he is sworn in.

# Congratulations Everyone!

## *Thank You For Your Service*



Retired Plan Commission Chairwoman, Theresa Guerriero was honored for her years of service and dedication to the Village of Green Oaks.

*Thank You & Good Luck, Theresa!*





# Public Works

John Wagener ~ Village Trustee

**Water and Sewer Anyone?** Some parts of the Village are not served by municipal water or sanitary sewer. If you are interested in bringing these services to your neighborhood, please contact the Public Works Committee. Currently, the Village and certain residents are considering the formation of two different Special Service Areas. The first proposed area is located along the east side of O'Plaine Road north of Route 137 up to Equestrian Oaks and it will bring sanitary sewer to the homes along O'Plaine. The other proposed area involves homes along Cranbrook, Kenton and in Saddle Hill 2 and it will bring city water to the participating homes.

A Special Service Area ("SSA") is a creature of the Illinois Legislature, and its specific rules can be found at 35 ILCS 200/27-5, et seq. In its simplest terms, a SSA is a small, geographically contiguous taxing district where the proceeds of the tax are used to provide a municipal benefit to the properties within the boundaries of the SSA. It can be used for roads, sidewalks, water or sewer, among other services. Here, in Green Oaks, we have had over a dozen successful SSA's that have been used to bring water and sewer to underserved areas. The construction project is paid for by the sale of municipal bonds by the Village. Then, the bonds are repaid over a 20 year period by the properties that are benefitted by the particular project. The cost appears as an extra line item on the real estate tax bill. In this way, the cost of bringing water or sewer to a neighborhood is spread out over a longer period of time as opposed to a homeowner running a service line and incurring a large one-time cost.

**Speaking of Sewer** – As many of you may know, the Village of Green Oaks does not have a waste water treatment plant of its own. The Village is dependent on Libertyville to treat its sewage and also on Lake County Public Works for the transport of the sewage within the

County's sewer interceptor system. Earlier this year, both Libertyville and Lake County notified the Village that the wholesale rates they charge are being increased. What this means to you, the resident, is that your quarterly sewer bill is unfortunately going up. Effective with the next billing cycle, the residential rate will increase to \$193.14 per quarter, with sewer maintenance fees for those east of the tollway increasing to \$54.89. This increase is about 5-6% and will keep the Village operating on a break-even basis for providing this service.

## **Household Chemical Waste Collection Events Return!**

The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County ("SWALCO") is hosting its first mobile collection event on Saturday, May 20th in Mundelein from 7:00 am thru 2:30 pm. If you have materials to dispose of, please go to [www.SWALCO.org](http://www.SWALCO.org) and schedule an appointment for this event.

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).





# Streets & Roads

Dan Sugrue ~ Village Trustee

Additional pedestrian facilities will be constructed this spring along O'Plaine Road south of Route 137, continuing the sidewalks constructed in 2020 just north of Oak Grove School. The Village received a Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity grant with the assistance of State Representative Dan Didech to fund the new sidewalk from Cranbrook Road north to the existing path near Placid Lane along the east side of O'Plaine. The remaining older pavement along O'Plaine Road will also be resurfaced to facilitate installation of the sidewalk, and various storm sewer improvements will be constructed as well. Construction is anticipated to start in July.



The Village has also partnered with Oak Grove School to install pedestrian safety improvements along Lexington Road. New signage was installed last summer, and the Village will be constructing crosswalks at the intersections of Lexington Road and Wickham & Churchill Courts. Focusing pedestrian traffic to the crosswalks will increase safety for pedestrians and motorists along that corridor.



Finally, the Village will continue maintenance activities on newly constructed roadways. Approximately 8 miles of roadway was crack sealed in April, and additional crack sealing and road rejuvenator applications (along recently paved roads) will occur in 2023. Maintenance activities yield a greater return on investment than re-paving or resurfacing. The recent crack sealing costs approximately \$1.20 per lineal foot of road, and application of a pavement rejuvenator costs approximately \$1.25 per square yard or \$3 per lineal foot. A resurfacing or two-inch surface patch will cost \$20-30 per square yard. Investing smaller amounts of money into the Village's pavement will result in longer pavement life and delay significant work. Outreach prior to the next construction project will be performed.

If you have any questions concerning streets and roads, please feel free to contact the Village Administrative Office or your Streets & Roads Committee Chair, Dan Sugrue at [dan.sugrue@greenoaks.org](mailto:dan.sugrue@greenoaks.org).



# A Day @ The Office

Denise Kafkis ~ Village Administrator

Welcome to another “A Day @ the Office” portion of our Spring~Summer Edition of the Oak Leaf Newsletter. Now that the weather is finally beginning to feel like winter is behind us, we can all look forward to another amazing summer here in Green Oaks! Summer means to many warm sunshine, blue skies, baseball, soccer, hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill and oh yes, construction season! Green Oaks will have another huge year for construction projects and capital improvements and appreciate the patience you all displayed during the past construction season. So be sure to listen and read the email messages we send out informing everyone of what’s happening.

## Good Neighbors

Residents in our community take great pride in their properties and neighborhoods and often contact the Village with concerns about issues they feel impact the neighborhood character, appearance and sometimes the quality of life. Listed below are steps we can all take to be Good Neighbors:

- Allow construction on your property only during permitted hours: Monday through Friday 7am to 7pm, Saturday 8am to 5pm, Sunday and National Holidays 8am to 4pm
- Check fences and fence posts and make repairs as needed.
- Locate your compost piles away from shared property lines.
- Be considerate when parking to avoid blocking streets or shared private roads and driveways and park on only one side of the street to allow for emergency vehicles.
- Avoid storing inoperable vehicles, business equipment and debris outside on your property in areas visible from the street neighboring properties.
- Maintain lawns on a regular basis during the growing season, mow grass and address weeds.
- Be considerate and check with your neighbors that your recreational open burn will not have an adverse effect on them.

If concerns arise, talk with your neighbor! Your neighbor may not realize that a condition on his or her property is causing concern. As is often the case, communication and consideration are key. Should you have any questions or concerns please contact the Village Administrative Offices at 847.362.5363 Monday thru Friday 9am to 2pm.

## Recreational Open Burning Reminder

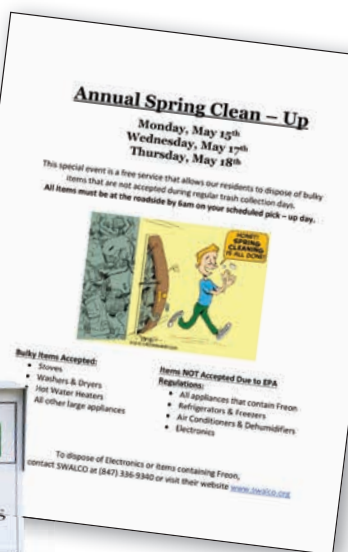
Recreational burning for many is a pleasant part of the summer and fall but can be less pleasant for someone who has allergies or respiratory issues. Please be considerate of your neighbors if they have those conditions. Also, there are rules in the Village to make sure everyone is safe and healthy during 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 no cost burn permit may be obtained at Village Hall or simply give us a call and we will email it to you. So, please get a permit before you burn.

## Watch Out for Gift Card Scams

Con artists have latched onto gift cards as a form of payment in their scams. Nearly 1 in 3 adults said they or someone they know had been asked at some point to purchase a gift card to pay a bill, fee, or some other debt or obligation or to claim a prize. No reputable company or agency will ask you to purchase gift cards. Criminals are also asking for payments using cryptocurrency or apps like Zelle. Just say no! Hang up and call 911 immediately to report the incident. Also, never give your bank account number, Social Security number, or driver’s license number to someone you don’t know.

## Save a Stamp

Postage-free mail for Village related payments may be deposited in the grey drop box located at Village Hall 2020 O’Plaine Road.



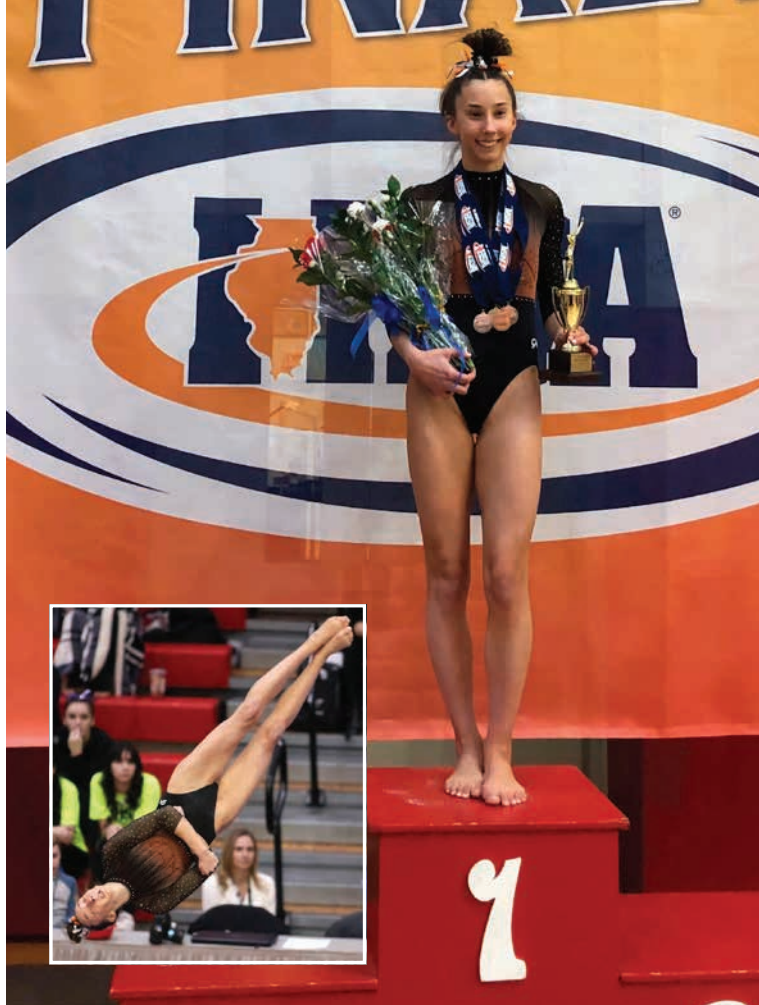
# Fountain of Youth

## Anna Becker

### STATE CHAMPION GYMNAST!

- State Champ All Around Title, 3rd on Bars, 4th on Beam and Floor
- State Champ at Vault her Junior Year
- Awarded Illinois Senior Gymnast of the Year voted by HS Coaches
- Most decorated gymnast in LHS history – Won Conference, Regionals, Sectionals both Junior and Senior year
- Joined Track & Field her Junior year and set school Triple Jump record
- Attending U. of Miami (FL) in Fall and made the co-ed cheerleading team

***Congrats Anna! You can really fly!!!***



*Congratulations 2023 Graduates!*

## OGS Wrestlers Qualify for State!



OGS WRESTLING

## STATE QUALIFIERS

**ALEXANDER OSBORNE**  
**BRAYDEN LIU**  
**GUNNAR MEYER**  
**LEO BOUIKIDIS**  
**CAM KOVACH**  
**DYLAN TREUTELAAR**  
**COLTON SIEBERT**







# OAKTOBERFEST

Village of  
Green Oaks

On September 9, 2023, Green Oaks will be hosting its 2nd annual Oaktoberfest at Lambs Farm. Join us for food, refreshments and live music! Additional details to follow.

## Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee



CARS &  
COFFEE



The Village of Green Oaks will once again host the Cars, Coffee & Family event on Sunday, October 8, 2023 from 9:00 am – Noon at Lambs Farm. We encourage residents who would like to display their car or motorcycle to bring it to the event.

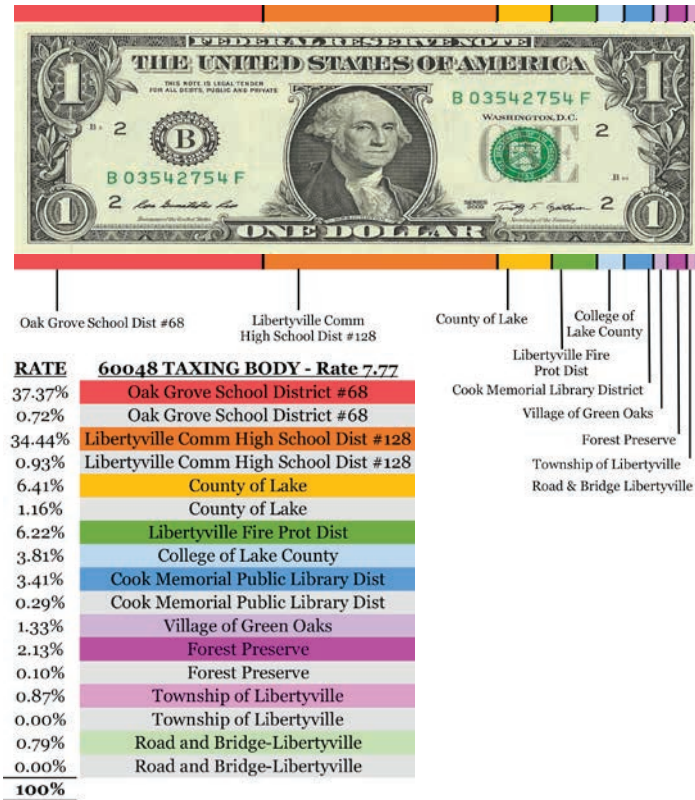




## How Are Your Tax Dollars Allocated?

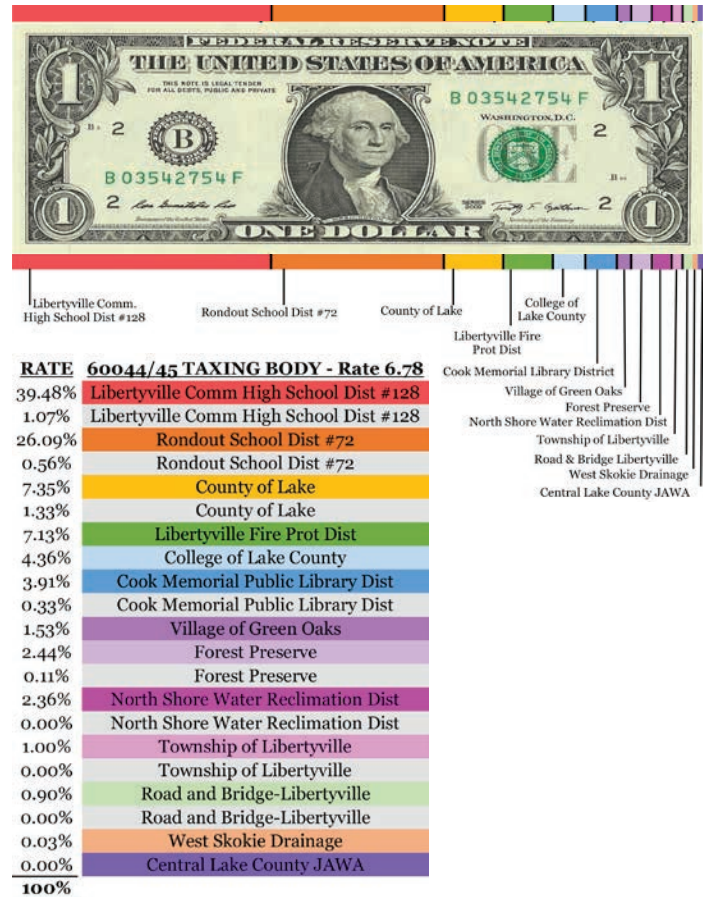
### DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS BY ENTITY

Green Oaks - 60048 Taxing Body Rate 4.77%  
74.54% Taxes Allocated Towards Schools



### DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS BY ENTITY

Green Oaks - 60044 & 60045 Taxing Body Rate 6.78%  
75.81% Taxes Allocated Towards Schools



## Pedestrian/Cyclist Connectivity to Independence Grove

In the Winter edition of the Oak Leaf, we included an article about our Village application for a government grant through ITEP (Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program) to finance a bike path along Guerin road as a safe and enjoyable option for our residents for getting to Independence Grove either by walking or biking.

We have recently received the results of that application and wanted to share that it has regretfully not been accepted. Although we are yet to receive more elaborate feedback in a formal meeting scheduled with Illinois Department of

Transportation later in May, the initial one is that the program has been very competitive (215 projects of which only 72 were accepted) leading the selection process to put more weight in favor of jurisdictions that are more economically depressed and/or those that have already completed their Phase 1 feasibility study in support of their application (Our Village did not go through Phase 1 study as we were trying to finance it through the grant). We look forward to our meeting with IDOT later this month to inform our resubmission strategy for the next cycle. In the meantime, we hope you enjoy your Spring and stay safe!



# Coming May 2023

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May 15, 17 or 18, 2023

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June 4, 2023 • 1:00 - 3:30 p.m.

### VEHICLE STICKER PAYMENT DUE

June 30, 2023

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July 30, 2023

