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VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER



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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

- 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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Jeff Powers ~ Chairman

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MEMBERS

Justin Beger, Tony Filippo, Pamela Milroy,
 Anne Gordon Rebmann, Scott Singer

President's Corner

Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President

Each January the Village Board holds a Strategic Planning Meeting to establish priorities and projects for the upcoming year.

The Village has limited resources so it is important to focus our energy on the resources and funds we have available. We focus on trying to establish agreements on common goals for the year and the future.

By making everyone aware of the goals and how and why these projects were chosen, it creates an increased sense of responsibility and vision for the Village.

We receive a lot of input from the residents all year, however it is never too late to let us know what we can do better in the Village.

Once we determine the projects, we then determine what the costs will be and how we can pay for the large projects like roads or sewers. We use a number of consultants to "cost out" the plans. Once we have an "educated guess" of the cost, we plug numbers into a budget plan for Green Oaks. Usually, the amounts are more than what we have to spend so we try to find ways to fund the projects.

The main sources of funds are from state sales and income taxes and state grants. We do receive an amount of real estate taxes but those are always "earmarked" for local road repairs.

Once the funding is secured, we go out to bid competitively. The lowest responsible bidder is awarded the contract. Prior to any construction, neighbors are alerted of the project so that comments and questions can be addressed at a meeting of all responsible participants.

If this all seems like it takes a long time, it does. That's why we start in January. Spring is just around the corner which means construction season will be upon us.

On a completely different topic, we were fortunate enough to attend the 100th Birthday party for Al W. Goodman. Al and his wife of 61 years live at the Sheridan of Green Oaks.

I presented our Village Proclamation honoring Mr. Goodman on a life well lived. Mr. Goodman is part of the greatest generation and was a true war hero during WWII.

He flew 12 B-24 bomber missions and was severely wounded when he was shot down over Austria. He was awarded the Purple Heart. Al has 6 children, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. A large gathering joined in the birthday party this past January.

As always, watch out for one another and if you see something say something.

See Photos of Al's Big Day —>

A Day @ The Office

Denise Kafkis ~ Village Administrator

Let's Celebrate History!

On December 13, 2023, the Village extended their deepest gratitude and heartfelt appreciation by recognizing Rudolph "Rudy" Magna for his remarkable and numerous years of service and dedication as the Village Attorney for the Village of Green Oaks.



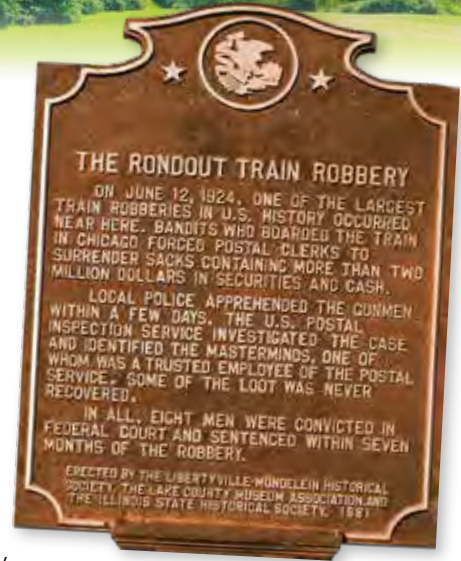
Rudy has shown an unwavering commitment to the welfare of the citizens of the Village of Green Oaks and has been a steadfast pillar of legal wisdom, tirelessly serving the residents, Village Board and staff of the Village of Green Oaks, Lake County, Illinois, for an impressive 27 years.

Rudy has played an integral role in the economic growth and well-being of the Village, leading the way in the creation and development of the Village's Tax Increment Financing District, acquiring needed property through eminent domain. He has provided leadership and valuable advice to further the objectives of Green Oaks Redevelopment Project, to create Special Service Areas to extend the Village's water and sewer system, and to refinance bond issues to take advantage of dropping interest rates.

Rudy Magna has been a supporter and friend to the members of the Village Board and Village staff; and has left an indelible mark on the Village's history. **THANK YOU RUDY!**

Another 100 Year Celebration

The Rondout Train Robbery occurred on June 12, 1924. The cast iron marker was erected in 1981 commemorating the 1924 robbery



located next to the tracks in front of what was once Art's Old House Restaurant. Today it is commonly known as Stars Fence, Inc. located in Green Oaks, IL. This spot was chosen because it is where the robbers first spotted the train coming from Chicago and gave the signal to stop it. The daring heist of \$3 million is still the largest train robbery in U.S. History! Fun Fact ~ \$3 million in 1924 is equal to around \$53 million today!

On May 20th, Cook Memorial Library will host a virtual event highlighting the anniversary of the largest train heist in U.S. History. Please register at cooklib.org.



Mayor Wysocki at Al Goodman's 100th Birthday Celebration.

Happy  Birthday Al!

Public Works

John Wagener ~ Village Trustee

Municipal Water Connections – The Village Board has approved a proposal for the creation of Special Service Area Nos. 14 & 15 Watermain Extension project. The next step will be a public hearing tentatively scheduled for April 4, 2024, with an eye toward digging later in 2024. If your home is included in the proposed SSA's, you will receive a formal notice of the public hearing from the Village. This project consists of 2 separate SSA's one located along Cranbrook and another along Kenton. If the project moves forward, homeowners in that area will be able to enjoy the benefits of a consistent reliable municipal water supply. The two projects will still be required to move through the required steps as outlined in the Illinois Revised Statutes (35 ILCS 200/27-5) before one or both becomes a reality.

SWALCO Special Collection Events UPGRADED to include car seats – This newer program was developed in order to offer an outlet for these “hard to recycle” items. The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County accepts a variety of common household items for recycling, repurposing and reuse through this special program. In addition to latex paint, fire extinguishers, and labeled single-use propane containers, SWALCO is happy to announce that it can now accept child car/booster seats for recycling. Minimal handling fees do apply for all SCE items. Please refer to the SWALCO website for pricing, as well as further information and details. The associated fees will cover the cost of proper handling, storing and recycling/reuse of these high-demand items. Credit or Debit Cards only. This service is available by appointment only starting in March ending in October at SWALCO's facility in Gurnee.

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

Lake Kathryn Clean-up – Work continues around Lake Kathryn to remove buckthorn from along the trails and other areas of the Village out lots along the Reigate subdivision. Once the buckthorn is cleared, the next step will be the installation of native plantings and other shrubs/trees to provide some screening. If you would like the buckthorn cleared from any areas of your back yard that abut the park, please contact the Public Works Committee.



SPECIAL MATERIALS COLLECTIONS

LATEX PAINT <i>(No oil-based paints, varnishes or other)</i>			
1 Quart or Less	\$2.00 each		
1 Gallon	\$4.50 each		
5 Gallon	\$11.50 each		
LABELED SINGLE-USE PROPANE <i>(Small cylinders only)</i>			
Each cylinder	\$ 4.25		
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS <i>(All sizes, makes and models)</i>			
Each Extinguisher	\$3.00		
BOOSTER/CAR SEATS <i>(All sizes)</i>			
Each Car Seat	\$15.00		

To make an appointment for an upcoming event, visit: swalco.org
ONLY ITEMS ABOVE ACCEPTED. NO BUSINESS WASTE—Residential only.
Credit or Debit Cards only accepted.
Collection events held in March, May, July, September, October 2024
These items will be recycled/reused. Contact SWALCO, 847-377-4950 w/questions.

Streets & Roads

Dan Sugrue ~ Village Trustee

The Village has identified roads within Creekside, Brookhaven, and Arbor Lakes Subdivisions for our 2024 Road Improvement Program.

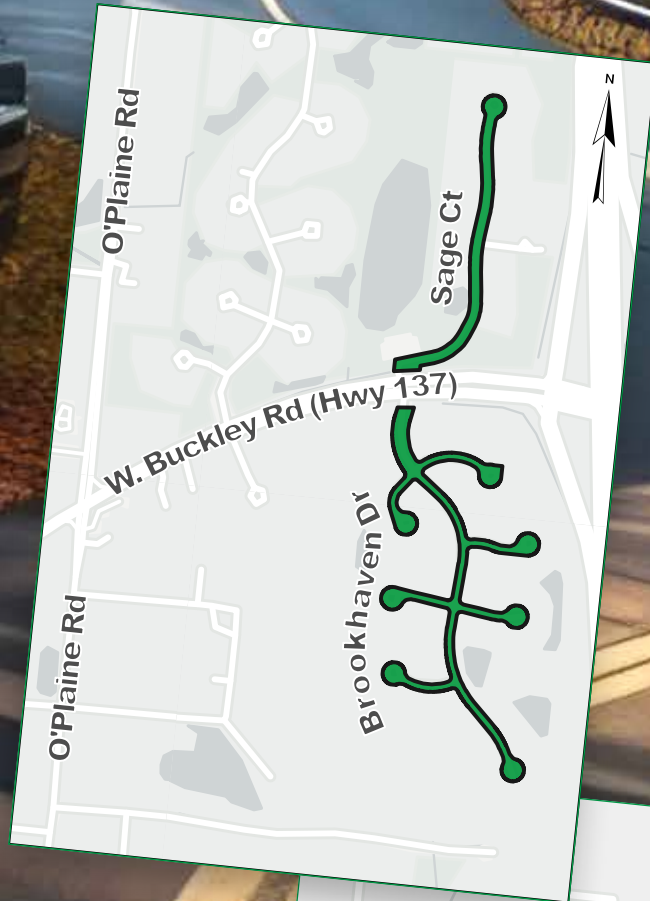
The roads in Brookhaven were constructed in the late 1990s, Sage Court (Arbor Lakes) and Creekside Path (Creekside) were surfaced in the mid-2000's.

The scope of the rehabilitation will include a mill and overlay (structural or surface depending on pavement thickness and subgrade conditions), curb replacement, and drainage structure repairs along approximately 1.6 miles of road. This year's total construction cost is \$1.4M and will be funded with MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) and General Funds.

During construction, the Village will provide periodic updates on the status of construction and upcoming project information via Blackboard Connect. Please contact the Village if you are not receiving these or any other updates. A public information meeting will be held in Spring for this project.

The Village has repaved approximately 16 miles of road since 2019, and we are looking forward to another season of substantial and beneficial road improvements throughout Green Oaks.

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.



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On October 8, 2023, the Village hosted their annual Cars & Coffee Family Event at Lambs Farm. The morning was filled with friends and neighbors enjoying cool cars, food and refreshments. A special shout out to the vendors who helped make this event special.

Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee






Santa

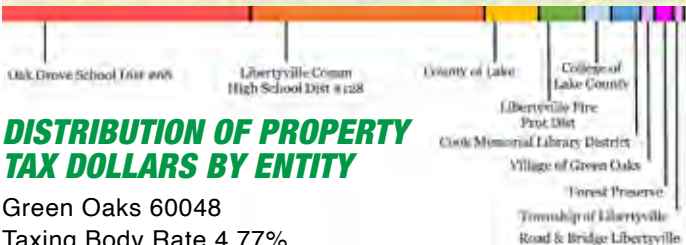
PARADE

Village of Green Oaks

On Saturday, December 9, 2023, Green Oaks held its annual Santa Parade. Santa and his elves traveled throughout the Village spreading cheer in every neighborhood. Residents were out in full force waving to Santa and enjoying the sights and sounds of the holiday. Andy Yarc, Green Oaks resident and Firefighter/Paramedic with the Libertyville Fire Department was our Santa this year. Thank you Andy!!!



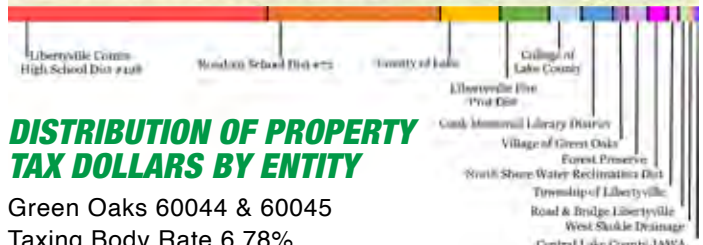
How Are Your Tax Dollars Allocated?



DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS BY ENTITY

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

Oak Grove School Dist# 68	37.37%	Cook Memorial Library Dist	0.29%
Oak Grove School Dist# 68	0.72%	Village of Green Oaks	1.33%
Libertyville H.S. Dist #128	34.44%	Forest Preserve	2.13%
Libertyville H.S. Dist #128	0.93%	Forest Preserve	0.10%
County of Lake	6.41%	Township of Libertyville	0.87%
County of Lake	1.16%	Township of Libertyville	0.00%
Liberty Fire Protection Dist	6.22%	Road & Bridge - Libertyville	0.79%
College of Lake County	3.81%	Road & Bridge - Libertyville	0.00%
Cook Memorial Library Dist	3.41%		



DISTRIBUTION OF PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS BY ENTITY

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

Libertyville H.S. Dist #128	39.48%	Forest Preserve	2.44%
Libertyville H.S. Dist #128	1.07%	Forest Preserve	0.11%
Rondout School Dist# 72	26.09%	N. Shore Water Rec Dist	2.36%
Rondout School Dist# 72	0.56%	N. Shore Water Rec Dist	0.00%
County of Lake	7.35%	Township of Libertyville	1.00%
County of Lake	1.33%	Township of Libertyville	0.00%
Liberty Fire Protection Dist	7.13%	Road & Bridge - Libertyville	0.90%
College of Lake County	4.36%	Road & Bridge - Libertyville	0.00%
Cook Memorial Library Dist	3.91%	West Skokie Drainage	0.03%
Cook Memorial Library Dist	0.33%	Central Lake County JAWA	0.00%
Village of Green Oaks	1.53%		

Upcoming Elections

March 19, 2024 - General Primary Election

November 5, 2024 - General Election

Choose the voting option that fits your schedule

Voting By Mail

- Requires ballot application
- Ballots mailed 40 days before Election Day (Feb. 8, 2024)
- Available to any registered voter
- No need to qualify

Election Day Voting

- Polls are open 6 AM to 7 PM
- Use assigned neighborhood site serving your address
- Grace Period Registration available

Early Voting

- Starts February 8, 2024 only at the Lake County Clerk's office
- Opens county-wide March 4, 2024
- Ends March 18, 2024, the Monday before Election Day.
- Use any site regardless of where you live in Lake County
- Some locations offer evening and weekend hours
- Grace Period Registration available
- Early Voting Locations

Fountain of Youth



Two Oak Grove School graduates, Rebecca Schleuning and Chloe Frecking, both sophomores at UIUC, competed in early December in the National Championship for Women's Division II Rugby with the University of Illinois team in Houston, TX. The Illini took 4th in the nation and competed against powerhouse UW Eau Claire (second year champs), Vassar College and US Coast Guard Academy. Sarah Dowden, another Oak Grover, is also on the team.

Congrats on a Great Season!



REBECCA SCHLEUNING

CHLOE FRECKING



Annual Spring Clean-Up!

All items must be at the roadside by 6 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day.

Bulky items accepted this day include:

- Stoves
- Hot Water Heaters
- Washers & Dryers
- All other large appliances

Items NOT accepted due to EPS regulations:

- All appliances that contain Freon such as Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers & Electronics.

To dispose Electronics or items containing Freon, please contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340 or visit them at www.swalco.org.





Annexation, Planning & Zoning

Rich Glogovsky ~ Village Trustee



Summary of 2023 Business / TIF District Projects - Improvements in the Village of Green Oaks

- Completion of Phase 1 Rt. 176 Lane Expansion (2-3 lane proposal)
- Initiation of Train Horn Quiet Zone process along Rt. 176
- Revitalization and refurbishment of the Cube Smart property on Bradley Rd
- Drainage Study on North side of Rt. 176 east of EJ & E tracks
- Acquisition of Truck City property on Baker Rd.
- Green Oaks annexation of U Haul property and expansion underway
- Continued Landscape improvements along the south side of Rt. 176
- Additional Business Monument signs along Rt. 176
- Completion and opening of Gas N Wash station and Car Wash
- Cross walk study at Rt. 176 / Bradley Rd. intersection
- Streetscape improvements along Baker Rd.
- Growth and support of Lambs Farm
- Drainage and utility improvements across from Rondout School



Continued thanks and support from all residents for Business District Projects. Our TIF pays for infrastructure improvements, and elimination of blight to make this district cleaner and environmentally friendly.



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**NEW UHAUL
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Building & Community Development

Pete Furlong ~ Village Trustee

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Upcoming Events

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

March 10, 2024

GENERAL PRIMARY ELECTION

March 19, 2024

2ND QUARTER WATER, SEWER, SEWER MAINTENANCE BILLS DUE

April 30, 2024

ANNUAL SPRING CLEAN-UP

May 20 & 22, 2024

