

The **OakLeaf**

SUMMER 2025

VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER



President's Corner

Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President

Each year cities and villages start their fiscal year on May 1st. Prior to that date, the Village Board has several meetings to discuss a budget from 2025-2026. Based on the historical data we can try to predict what monies we have to spend.

This year we were able to "hit the ground running." Before June was over, we completed Special Service Area No.'s 14 & 15. This project provides Lake Michigan water to the residents generally along Kenton Lane and Cranbrook Road. Thereafter, we paved Cranbrook Rd as the last street to be repaved in the Village.

We also approved several subdivision projects such as new trails, stormwater detention pond restoration and buckthorn removal.

Additional work is being done at the Memorial Garden. Electricity is being installed for our flags, new trees and shrubs are being added or replacing old ones, and paver memorial stones will be added. We hope to have our trails repaved before school starts and striping crosswalks completed.

One other large project that I wanted to mention is a two-to-three-year improvements replacing street signs and poles. There are hundreds of signs and poles that need to be replaced which will take more than just this fiscal year to complete. There are many other infrastructure projects that can be reviewed on our website.

If there is a project that you feel that needs to be addressed, please let us know. At the end of the day, your community is your home. A great community improves the lives of the people it serves.



Great News Residents!

On May 28, 2025, President Wysocki and the Village Board of Trustees amended the vehicle sticker senior citizen fee. This allows for any person over the age of sixty-four, upon proper application for a vehicle sticker, entitled to one passenger sticker free of charge. Stop by the Village Hall to purchase your 2025-26 vehicle stickers. Get yours today!



On April 1, 2025 the residents of Green Oaks re-elected the Village President and three Trustees. From left to right after taking the Oath of Office are Trustee Pete Furlong, Trustee Mahdi Sellami, Village President Bernie Wysocki and Trustee Kevin Griffin. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Finance

Mahdi Sellami ~ Village Trustee

What's New in Green Oaks?!

Infrastructure Improvement Projects & Acquisitions

- Village Hall Parking Lot Lights
- RIP & MFT • Street Poles & Signs
- SSA 14 & 15 • Next Phase
- Residents adjacent to SSA
- Pond Paser Rating GIS Mapping
- Trails Rehab
- Electric for Memorial Garden
- Street Sweeping & Striping
- Striping on Kenton Lane by OGS Path
- Hydrant Painting & Flushing

TIF District

- Rt. 176 Projects Include
 - Rt. 176 Widening
 - Rt. 176 & Bradley Rd. Crosswalk
 - Rt. 176 Streetscape Maintenance & Flowers
 - Rt. 176 Monument Signs
 - > Lynch Construction (13110 Rockland Rd) • Links
 - > Business Center Dr
 - U-Haul • Northshore Distillery
- Lambs Farm Redevelopment Plan

Subdivision Beautification Grant Program

The Village of Green Oaks Subdivision Beautification Program

(SBG Program) is designed to help encourage continuing improvement and upkeep of the Village's residential subdivision. The SBG Grant Program specifically seeks to improve the appearance of subdivisions from roadways, develop and maintain Village non-motorized pathways, and assist with the management of natural resource areas.

Subject to the availability of funds, the Village Board approves an annual budget allocation for the SBG Program to be awarded by the Village Board to selected applicants. For more information, please contact the Village Administrator, Denise Kafkis, Monday – Friday, 9am-2pm at 847-32-5363. You may also go on the Village's website at greenoaks.org for an application.



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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

Combined TIF & Committee of the Whole:
1st Wednesday @ 7:30pm
Plan Commission: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:30pm
~ As Needed ~
Committee of the Whole: 3rd Wed @ 7:30pm
Regular Board: 4th Wednesday @ 7:30pm

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Justin Beger, Tony Filippo, Pamela Milloy,
Anne Gordon, Scott Singer

Village of Green Oaks

Public Works

Jack Flaig ~ Village Trustee



Learn How to Connect to Water & Sewer

The Village has compiled a webpage which contains information regarding the SSA establishment process, costs, potential limits of the service area, and several other items.

For More Information, Please Visit Our Webpage At GreenOaks.org

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 SSA No. 14 & 15 Watermain Extension project. This project was located along Cranbrook Road, Kenton Lane, and Lexington Road just east of Glenmore Road. Each lot has been provided with a service stub for connection to public water supply. Homeowners looking to connect are responsible for contracting with a plumber and obtaining permits from the Village. Once the permits are received, water connection can be completed.



Watermain Installation via Horizontal Directional Drilling

The roadway improvements associated with the SSA #14 & 15 service areas are complete. 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. Dust, noise, and minor traffic inconveniences were inherent to the construction process. We appreciated your patience and understanding while we completed this work.



Cranbrook Road Before Roadway Construction

Cranbrook Road During Roadway Construction



Cranbrook Road After Roadway Construction

Cranbrook Road After Roadway Construction



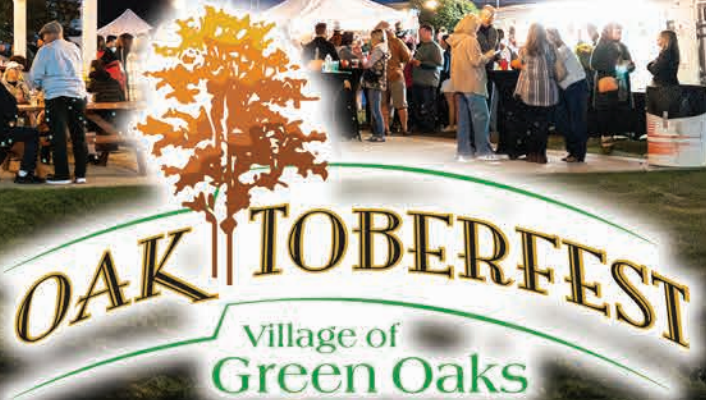
Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee

Save the Date!

Saturday, September 6, 2025
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Building & Community Development

Pete Furlong ~ Village Trustee

What Is A Ruse Burglary?

Ruse Burglaries are crimes in which the offender uses a "ruse" to distract their victim in order to commit a burglary. This crime is committed by offenders generally traveling in pairs. One offender uses a "ruse" to distract the victim, while the other offender enters the home to search for and steal cash, jewelry and other items. Ruse burglaries occur when victims are physically present at the home and distracted by a "ruse".

Please remember the Village of Green Oaks does NOT ALLOW ANY SOLICITATION within the Village's municipal boundaries

If you feel you were the victim of a Ruse Burglary, or if you have seen suspicious vehicles and/or subjects approaching neighbors, please call the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 847-549-5200 to report these incidents or call 9-1-1 if the incident is in progress. Please be ready to provide as much information such as offender's physical characteristics and vehicle description.

Important Safety Tips:

- Do NOT allow anyone in your home unless you know them personally, or it is a scheduled appointment.
- If a solicitor comes to your residence, take notice of the vehicle they are driving (make, model, color, type) as well as their attire and physical characteristics.
- If you choose to speak with a solicitor or utility worker, never leave your front door unlocked or unattended.
- A legitimate utility or government worker will never object if you ask for an ID.
- You may verify with the utility company or local government agency if the individual was sent to your residence.
- Install safety cameras outside of the home to help deter those individuals.



For More Information, Visit www.GreenOaks.org

Streets & Roads

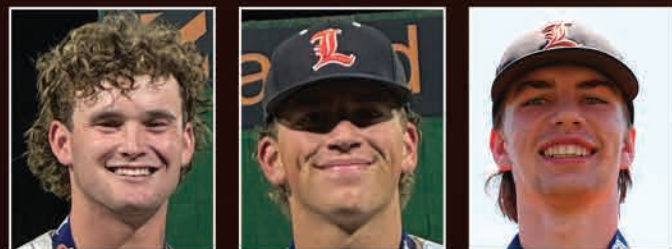
Dan Sugrue ~ Village Trustee

The Village is excited to announce the installation of new decorative street signs in the southwest portion of the Village (south of Atkinson, west of the tollway) as part of an ongoing initiative to enhance the appearance and identity of our community.

These updated signs feature a more modern and stylish design while maintaining the visibility and functionality required for public safety. As part of this update, residents may notice that certain signs, such as "Slow Children at Play", will not be replaced. This is in accordance with federal guidance from the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD), which does not recognize these signs as effective traffic control measures. Studies have shown that such signs do not significantly reduce vehicle speeds or enhance safety and may give a false sense of security. Instead, the Village continues to promote safe driving through appropriate signage, targeted enforcement, and thoughtful street design.

Residents in the SW quadrant can expect sign replacements to begin in late summer and continue through fall. During this time, crews will be removing existing signage and installing new posts and street name signs at each intersection.

This project is part of a phased Village-wide effort, with both areas scheduled for similar updates over the next five years. We appreciate the community's continued support and patience as we make these improvements.



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SUCCESS HAVE TO PASS THROUGH
Hard Work Boulevard

– *Oak Grovers* –

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CONGRATULATIONS!**

Annexaction, Planning & Zoning

Rich Glogovsky ~ Village Trustee

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July 30, 2025

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September 6, 2025

5:00-10:00pm

Lambs Farm

