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VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER




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MAYOR BERNARD WYSOCKI
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President's Corner

Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President

Happy New Year! Has the Mayor forgotten it's May? No, I know it's May (though this year seems to be flying by). May, for Cities and Villages in Illinois, begins our new fiscal year. When we talk about the fiscal year, we are talking about the financial operations of our Village.

The Village of Green Oaks runs very much like most smaller businesses. We try to maximize our revenues, minimizing our expenses and creating customer satisfaction for our residents.

To attain this objective, the Village Board creates a budget to allocate the revenues to pay for the costs of various projects and services.

We begin crunching numbers in January of each year, and try to pass an Appropriation Ordinance in May of our new fiscal year.

The summary of that budget process forecasted is: revenues will exceed expenses by approximately \$500,000. More importantly, there again will be no increase in the Village real estate tax rate. We have one of the lowest real estate tax rates in Lake County, and we hope to maintain that objective.

Besides the usual street and infrastructure projects this year, we are embarking on a three-year project of replacing poles and signs such as street signs and warning signs, with decorative and enhanced signage.

In addition to resurfacing trails and walking paths, additional funds have been added for subdivision beautification grants and pond restorations. Our Annual Appropriation Ordinance can be found in detail on our website.

At the beginning of the President's Page, I mentioned that the year seems to be flying by, but I am reminded of

one of the largest projects the Village undertook 20 years ago: the Atkinson Road Project.

For those who have ever ventured down Atkinson Road between the Tollway, the Bridge and St. Mary's Road 20 years ago, your vehicle would take a terrible beating. The road originally was a "cow path" that never had a base, blacktop or any drainage. When Abbott expanded its business, it opened a gate on Atkinson Road believing that the majority of employees would travel east to Waukegan Road. Then the County put in traffic signals at the corner of Atkinson and St. Mary's. The road was so bad that a fire truck broke its axle on the road. The Village had no real estate or other taxes to repair the road. That winter, the ice and snow storms prevented snow plows from clearing the road.

After trying to obtain assistance from the State, the County, and Abbott, we only had one recourse to correct the problem. The Village made the decision to secure a road bond to pay for the millions of dollars needed for drainage and road construction.

At one of the largest town hall meetings we ever held, Village residents were advised of the plans for the road and the funding needed.

It was the first time we ever attempted to secure a road bond. The board worked hard to obtain the Triple "A" Rating to keep the interest rate as low as possible. We were able to secure a low-interest 20-year loan to pay for the project.

No one could have predicted that we would be able to pay off the bonds in 20 years. So, the long chapter of the Atkinson Road Project was successfully concluded without any special tax to the residents. Job well done by the Boards over these 20 years, and thanks to the residents for the faith they had in their local officials.



Streets & Roads

Dan Sugrue ~ Village Trustee

2026 Village Road Improvement Projects

- 1. Crack Sealing and Reclamite Application** – Brookhaven, Arbor Lakes, Creekside Path, Cranbrook
- 2. Polo Park** – Repave Polo Park in the Business District
- 3. Hydrant** – Painting, Flushing and Repairs to over 400 hydrants in the Village.
- 4. Street Sign Replacement** – Phase 1 and 2 will begin. New decorative street signs will be installed in phases throughout the Village.

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.

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 64, upon proper application for a vehicle sticker, to receive one passenger sticker free of charge.

Applications will be sent to residents in early June. If you want to save a stamp, stop by the Village Hall Monday – Friday, 9 am – 2 pm, to purchase your 2026-2027 vehicle stickers. Get yours today!

This year's sticker features a design celebrating the 250-year birthday of our country.



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MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULES

Combined TIF & Committee of the Whole:
1st Wednesday @ 7:00pm
Plan Commission: 2nd Wednesday @ 7:30pm
~ As Needed ~
Committee of the Whole: 3rd Wed @ 7:00pm
Regular Board: 4th Wednesday @ 7:00pm

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Scott Singer, Kate Siegel

Village of
Green Oaks

Finance - How Are Your Tax Dollars Allocated?

Mahdi Sellami ~ Village Trustee



Building & Community Development

Pete Furlong ~ Village Trustee

In this issue, we wanted to remind residents of several important safety issues.

CALL JULIE BEFORE YOU DIG!

As we enter the season for outdoor projects, please remember to call JULIE first before you begin any digging. Whether you're planting, building, or repairing anything outdoors, all you have to do is contact JULIE before you dig. JULIE's services are free. Call 800.892.0123.

ORDINANCE REQUIRES RESIDENTS TO MAINTAIN ADJACENT PARKWAYS

Ordinance 2025-O-08 requires the maintenance of parkway areas by property owners. We kindly ask property owners to maintain the parkway contiguous to their property with the following standards:

- **Mowing & Vegetation Control:** Grass and weeds within the parkway shall be maintained at a height not to exceed eight inches. The area shall be kept free of invasive or noxious vegetation and trash or debris.

- **Sightline obstructions:** No tree, shrub, bush, fence, structure, or other vegetation or object located within the parkway shall obstruct the view of drivers or pedestrians. The following clearance zones shall be maintained:

- **Corner Lots ~** No vegetation or object over 30 inches in height shall be permitted within a visibility triangle formed by measuring 25 feet from the intersection of two property lines at a street corner.
- **Sidewalk & Street Clearance ~** Tree limbs must be maintained to provide a minimum clear vertical clearance of seven feet over public sidewalks and 14 feet over streets or roadways.

Thank you for your assistance in helping to keep Green Oaks and its parkways safe and maintained.

NO SOLICITATION ALLOWED

As a reminder, solicitation is not allowed in the Village of Green Oaks unless you have a permit from the Mayor (Ord. 2003-O-6). If you experience solicitation, please contact the Lake County Sheriff's office at 847.549.5200.

Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee

The Village will host a Document Shred Event on Saturday, June 13, from 9am - 1pm. This free event is for Green Oaks residents only. It will be held at Oak Grove School, 1700 S. O'Plaine Rd.

- Limit of 3 - 4 copy paper boxes (12x15). We do not take the empty boxes.
- Can shred through staples, paper clips, check books, manila folders and window folders.
- Cannot shred through three-hole punch binders, black binder clips and hanging file folders. Absolutely no lithium batteries.
- We recycle everything given to us.

Pictured in the photo at right (from left): Trustee Pete Furlong, resident Bob Byford, Mayor Wysocki and Trustee Jack Flaig.



Public Works

Jack Flaig ~ Village Trustee

2026 Projects Underway...



- **ECOLOGICAL RESTORATION:** Restoration projects are underway at the Dennis Dorsey Woods in Reigate Woods and at Lake Kathryn, located between Reigate Woods and Arbor Lakes. Lake Kathryn projects include completing the split-rail fence repair and adding boulders to the west shoreline to protect the hiking trails from erosion.

- **TRAILS:** Major restoration and repairs will take place at the trails by Irene Lane, Palmer Lane, Lockwood and Cranbrook Roads. The Cranbrook boardwalk will be replaced. Additionally, annual trail maintenance will take place at all of the Village-maintained trails.

- **PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT:**

- Sewer televising

- **LIFT STATION REPAIRS:**

- Hanlon Rd • O'Plaine Rd • Polo Trail
Rockland Rd • Lexington Rd

- **STORMWATER POND REPAIRS:**

- Brookhaven and Creekside Path Subdivisions

Save the Dates!



▶ **Saturday, September 12, 2026**

Lambs Farm • 5pm - 10pm

Free Admission!

Food & Beverages Available for Purchase

▶ **Document Shred Event**

Saturday, June 13, 2026

Oak Grove School • 9am - 1pm

A Day @ The Office

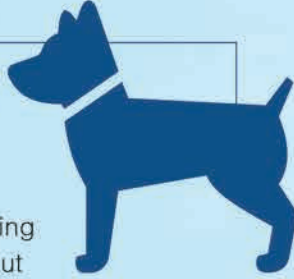
Denise Kafkis ~ Village Administrator

Thank You!

A big thank you to our many residents who participated in the Village's DEA Drug Take Back event April 25. More than 126 pounds of drugs were collected, garnering recognition for our Village as one of the largest contributors.



Be A Considerate Neighbor



Warm weather means enjoying long walks with your pet – but please be considerate of your neighbors and your community. A friendly reminder – please pick up after your pets, which is in compliance with our Village ordinance. Additionally, pets are required to be leashed. While you may feel confident that your pet will not harm anyone, it can be very frightening to a stranger who has no way of knowing whether your unrestrained animal poses a threat. If you have an invisible fence, you might consider posting a sign indicating such.



Green Oaks Sure Has Lots of Shoes!

Thank you to the many Village residents who dropped off their shoes for the SWALCO Reuse-A-Shoe event. The Village received hundreds of shoes, which will be reused or repurposed into eco-friendly products.

2026 Village Hall Improvement Projects

- **New State-of-the-Art Security System** to ensure the safety of our staff, guests and property
- **New Secure Doors** installed at the Village Hall's front entrance and north side entrance
- **Lamp Posts** installed in the Village Hall's parking lot
- **Upgraded Lighting** had been added to our Village sign
- **Seal Coating Summer '26** at Village Hall and Lake Kathryn parking lots
- **Updated Village Hall Parking Lot Lights**



Annexation, Planning & Zoning

Rich Glogovsky ~ Village Trustee

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June 30, 2026

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July 30, 2026

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5pm-10pm • Lambs Farm

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