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SUMMER/FALL 2026

VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER



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GREEN OAKS
MAYOR BERNARD WYSOCKI

**CONGRATS
LHS BASEBALL
BACK 2 BACK
STATE CHAMPS!**

President's Corner

Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President

Recently, we had the opportunity to attend the ribbon cutting ceremony for the new Farmyard at Lambs Farm. The people at Lambs are so dedicated and passionate in helping individuals with developmental disabilities, and spending an afternoon there just lifts your spirit.

Lambs Farm has recently opened its new farm area. The area has new barns, fencing, a new merry-go-round and an upgraded train ride, as well as animals for feeding and petting. Volunteers and sponsors have donated millions of dollars to make Lambs a wonderful Green Oaks destination. (See pages 6 – 7 for highlights from the event.)

We are honored and proud to have Lambs and its residents as part of our community. If you get a chance, please visit the Farmyard and bring the family. Let Kathy Buresch (President and CEO of Lambs) know what a great job they are doing,

and thank them for their commitment to the program.

What a summer we have had. Some days have been so hot that even my shadow ran for shade. Other days, we get so much rain you could call it the "rain" of terror. Our ditches and flood control measures have handled the water so far. Hopefully, we will have better fall weather so that we can complete all of our summer projects.

Speaking of autumn, we hope that you and your family will consider attending our Oaktoberfest event on Sept. 12 at the Lambs Farm Pavilion. The Lambs Farm staff is preparing a wide variety of great food, and the Village will be providing refreshing beverages. We have a great band and exciting games and activities for the kids. This is a free event, and everyone is welcome. I hope to have the chance to greet you all.

Order Your Memorial Paver Today!

The Village wants to give residents one more opportunity to order memorial paver bricks before our first order is produced. For those who have already ordered a paver, we appreciate your patience. Please order your paver by October 1 to be included in the first production of the bricks. Once the bricks are created, we will update residents on the installation schedule. See page 11 for the order form.



Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee



Saturday, September 12, 2026 • Lambs Farm • 5pm-10pm

Save the Dates!

Saturday, December 5, 2026



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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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Streets & Roads

Dan Sugrue ~ Village Trustee

2026 Road Improvement Projects...

- **Curb Repairs and Paving** ~ Repairs are underway at Polo Trail Drive and Irma Lee Circle and Court. Paving of the same streets will begin this month.
- **Street Sign Replacement** ~ New decorative street signs will be installed in phases throughout the Village. This project will take place in two phases, and Phase 1 is expected to begin this fall.
- **Crack Sealing and Reclamite Application** ~ to take place in subdivisions throughout Green Oaks this year.
- **Hydrant** ~ Painting, flushing and repairs to over 400 hydrants in 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.



Public Works

Jack Flaig ~ Village Trustee

2026 Project Updates...

- **TRAILS** ~ Restoration and repairs will take place at the following trails. Please be aware that the trails will be closed during construction.
 - **Irene Lane:** Work is underway at Irene Lane and Anderson Drive.
 - **Palmer Lane:** Work is anticipated to begin this month.
 - **Lockwood and Cranbrook Roads:**
This upcoming project includes replacing major portions of the Cranbrook boardwalk and the bridge.
- **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.

Building & Community Development

Pete Furlong ~ Village Trustee

Building a Stronger Community:

Resolving Differences With Kindness

Living close together is one of the best parts of our neighborhood. It brings a sense of security, shared celebrations, and friendly waves across the driveway. However, proximity also means that occasional misunderstandings – whether over a barking dog, a property line, loud music, or a misplaced trash can – are bound to happen.

When these situations arise, how we respond defines the character of our community. Building a strong neighborhood starts with healthy communication.

Before letting frustration build or involving third parties, we encourage everyone to try a neighborly approach first. Most issues can be resolved quickly and warmly with these simple steps:

- **Assume Good Intentions.** Most neighbors do not realize they are causing a disturbance.
- **Talk Face to Face.** A friendly, in-person conversation is much warmer than an anonymous note or a text message.
- **Choose the Right Time.** Approach your neighbor when you are calm, and avoid times when they might be rushing out the door.



- **Listen Actively.** Give your neighbor a chance to explain their side. There might be circumstances you are unaware of.
- **Focus on Solutions.** Frame the conversation around how you can work together to fix the issue, rather than just pointing out the problem.

A little patience and a respectful conversation can turn a potential dispute into an opportunity to strengthen a bond. Thank you for doing your part to keep our neighborhood a kind, welcoming, and peaceful place to call home.

Solicitation Guidelines & Decals

In an effort to discourage solicitation, the Village is in the process of creating No Solicitation decals, which will be made available to residents free of charge. The decal can be placed on the inside of your glass window panel surrounding your front door or on a window near your front entrance.

As a reminder, solicitation is not allowed in the Village of Green Oaks unless you have a permit from the Mayor. See Ord. 2003-O-6 for more details. If you experience solicitation, please contact the Lake County Sheriff's office at 847.549.5200. Click [here](#) to link to the ordinance.



Lambs Farm Celebrates Completion of New Farm Yard!

Lambs Farm hosted its Farmyard Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on July 30, bringing together more than 170 community leaders and partners to celebrate the completion of the new Farmyard that features beautiful new barn facilities, fencing and paths.

Green Oaks Mayor Bernie Wysocki participated in the ribbon cutting and was a featured speaker at the event. "The Village is honored and proud for Lambs Farm to be part of our community," he said during his speech. "We enjoy our partnership and believe there will be many opportunities for future projects that can continue to expand the vision of Lambs Farm," he added.

The event featured remarks from Lambs Farm leadership, project champions, elected officials and Lambs Farm participants. Commenting on its mission, Lambs Farm CEO Kathy Buresch said, "Dignity



Founded in 1961, the mission of Lambs Farm is to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities lead productive, happy lives and connect with the human spirit in us all. The campus spans 70 acres in Green Oaks and features:

- A brand-new Farmyard
- Merry-Go-Round
- Train ride for children
- Cedar Chest Thrift Shop
- Dogwood Pet & Garden Center
- Magnolia Café
- Sugar Maple Country Store & Bakery
- A beautiful greenhouse and covered picnic area
- A venue for birthday parties, bridal and baby showers, corporate events and weddings.

**The Farmyard Reopened to the General Public
Aug. 15 ~ Be Sure to Visit Lambs Farm Soon!**

To learn more about Lambs Farm, visit its website at www.lambsfarm.org.

and inclusion for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities are the heart of Lambs Farm, and we see our mission in action in the Farmyard." She explained that Lambs Farm's vision is to provide a self-sustaining business where participants can work, grow and thrive. "I hope people who visit Lambs Farm can learn from the remarkable people who live and work here," she added.





Above, Green Oaks Mayor Bernie Wysocki with Lambs Farm CEO Kathy Buresch.



Coming Soon: New Signs!

The Village is working in partnership with Lambs Farm to upgrade Lambs' sign that is visible from the I-94 Tollway, as well as the Monument Sign near the entrance of Lambs Farm on Rte. 176.



A Day @ The Office

Denise Kafkis ~ Village Administrator

A Simple Knock Could Make All the Difference



Our village has always been more than a place to live – it's a community where neighbors look out for one another. Thank you for being part of a community that takes this responsibility seriously and with respect.

In today's busy world, it's easy to lose track of the people living just down the street, but a small act of kindness can have a big impact. If you realize you haven't seen a neighbor in several days or weeks, consider checking in. A friendly knock on the door, a phone call, or even a quick text message can provide reassurance and let someone know they're not alone.

Many people, especially older adults or those living by

themselves, may not have family nearby. A wellness check doesn't have to be intrusive — it can be as simple as asking, "Hi, I noticed I haven't seen you lately. Just wanted to make sure you're doing okay."

If there's no response and you're genuinely concerned, consider reaching out to another family member, a trusted friend, or local authorities to request a welfare check if the situation seems urgent.

If you are concerned about a neighbor and have checked in on them with no response, please contact the Sheriff's office (non-emergency number: 847.549.5200).

Congrats, Libertyville High School Back-to-Back State Champs!

Congratulations to Libertyville High School baseball players Jack Cenar, Madden Cotts, Nicholas Farmakis and Bode Rohrbach, Village residents and members of the LHS team that won the 2026 Class 4A Baseball State Championship. The team defeated Park Ridge Maine South on June 13, resulting in a back-to-back state championship win for LHS. Bode, Jack and Nicholas were on the roster last year, marking their second state championship win.

Shown From Left: Madden Cotts, attended Oak Grove School; Jack Cenar, attended Oak Grove School; Nicholas Farmakis, attended Oak Grove School; and Bode Rohrbach, attended Rondout School.



Annexation, Planning & Zoning

Rich Glogovsky ~ Village Trustee

Village Announces Sign Branding Program

We are excited to announce that the following Tax Increment Financing (TIF) projects are underway in our village:

- **Route 176 Improvements:**

- Phase 1 of Route 176's road widening project will begin this year.
- Phase 2 of Route 176's ongoing streetscaping is underway and includes the removal of invasive trees as well as the implementation of native plant restoration.
- Construction of the Bradley Road and Route 176 Crosswalk will begin within the 2026 fiscal year to provide accessibility from the North Shore Bike Path north to the business district.

- **Monument Sign:** The Village has installed a new monument sign at the southeast corner of Bradley Road and Route 176.

- **Façade Improvement/Blight Elimination Grant Program:** The goal of the Façade Improvement/Blight Elimination Grant Program is to encourage owners and business tenants of existing commercial/industrial properties within the TIF District to eliminate blight through the investment in their property to improve, visually enhance, renovate and restore their building façades and property. Reimbursement of eligible projects costing \$10,000 or more may be eligible for a reimbursement grant of 50% of eligible costs, up to a total reimbursement of \$25,000.



Update Your HOA Information!

The Village of Green Oaks is currently updating all of the Homeowners Association (HOA) information for each subdivision within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Green Oaks.

We are asking all HOA presidents or contact persons to kindly forward your updated information to: vilgrnoaks@greenoaks.org or call Village Hall at 847.362.5363 Monday – Friday • 9am to 2pm

Green Oaks Fall Leaf Pick-up

Leaf Vacuuming will take place the weeks of Oct. 24 – Nov. 28 on Saturdays only.

Oct. 24 • Oct. 31 • Nov. 7 • Nov. 14 • Nov. 21 • Nov. 28

Leaf Collection: On Saturdays beginning the third week of October through the last Saturday of November, Groot will provide leaf vacuuming services at the curb. Residents are to rake leaves to within three feet of the edge of the road.

Finance

Mahdi Sellami ~ Village Trustee

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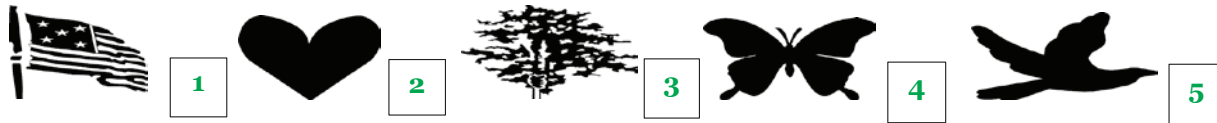
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MEMORIAL GARDEN BRICK PAVER PROGRAM ORDER FORM

Our Memorial Garden will honor the valuable members of our Green Oaks Community whether they are veterans, first responders, teachers, village leaders, coaches, business owners and all the wonderful families that have created "a great place to live." Illustrated below and highlighted in **GREEN** is the location where the brick pavers will be placed. Questions, please call Village Hall Monday through Friday 9am - 2pm @ 847.362.5363. The Village of Green Oaks reserves the right to reject any application it deems to contain an inappropriate message or is incongruous with the respectful purpose of the Memorial Garden. In its sole discretion, the Village will determine the time to install any paver brick and the specific placement location of any paver brick. In general, the Village plans to install bricks at regular intervals when the most cost-effective quantity of purchased paver bricks minimizes required installation costs.



- Above are the 5 available Icon options •
- Icons are optional •

- Allow 3 spaces on 2 lines for Icon No. 1 (flag) • 2 (heart) • 4 (butterfly) • 5 (dove) •
- Allow 5 spaces on ALL lines for Icon No. 3 (tree) •

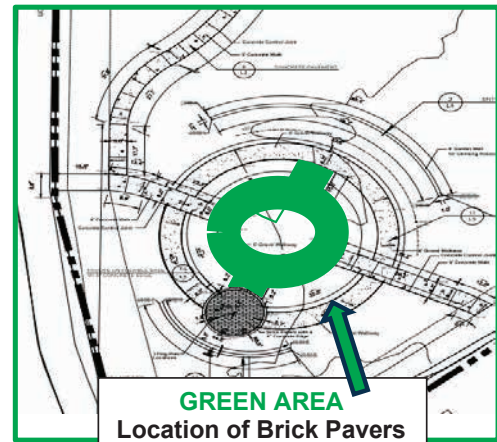
- Should you wish to include an Icon on your Brick please indicate the Icon No.# Below •

- ☐ 4x8 Brick - 3 Lines • 13 Characters Per Line @ **\$100** Per Brick • Icon No.# _____
- ☐ 8x8 Brick - 6 Lines • 13 Characters Per Line @ **\$200** Per Brick • Icon No.# _____

Please print clearly as you wish the inscription to appear on the brick

The Engraving Company reserves the right to determine the final location of the icons

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You may also email this form to: Memorialgardenbrick@greenoaks.org

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Upcoming Events

OAKTOBERFEST

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