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FALL/WINTER 2026

VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS NEWSLETTER



President's Corner

Bernie Wysocki ~ Village President

The Gift of Giving: Building Relationships That Make Our Community Stronger

This time of year, I am especially reminded that the greatest strength of our community is not found in our buildings, roads or public spaces, but in the relationships we build with each other. It's about giving our time, our encouragement and, most important, ourselves to the people around us.

We give when we take the time to listen to a neighbor, lend a helping hand or welcome someone new. We give through the friendships we build at work, the support we share with neighbors and friends, the encouragement we offer our children at school, and the care we show to those who live in our community.

In Green Oaks, these connections matter. We see one another at community events, in our schools and in our neighborhoods. We celebrate each other's successes, support one another through difficult times, and share in the everyday moments that make our Village feel like home.

I also want to take a moment to thank the many individuals who support our Village. Our trustees, village clerk and plan commission committee members give of their time and expertise to help make Green Oaks the thriving community that it is. Thank you for all that you do.

As we begin to prepare for the upcoming holidays, I want to wish each of you a happy holiday season, and I hope that you can spend quality time with family, friends and loved ones. Please be sure to kick off the season by joining us on Saturday, Dec. 5, for our Santa Parade. It's a wonderful way to start the season.



Welcome, Windy City Harley-Davidson!

The Village of Green Oaks participated in Windy City Harley-Davidson's Aug. 22 ribbon cutting event. The event celebrated Windy City's new ownership of the facility located at 14000 W. Rockland Road in Green Oaks. We are excited that WCHD is part of the Green Oaks community, and we wish them much success! Shown from left: WCHD Owner Marc Ingwersen, Green Oaks Mayor Bernie Wysocki, WCHD General Manager Steve Mascorro and WCHD Owner Jerry Carrillo.



Finance

Mahdi Sellami ~ Village Trustee

The Village of Green Oaks approved its Annual Audit for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2026, on Aug. 26, 2026. Following are several key highlights:

"Transparency AND Fiscal Responsibility HAVE BEEN THE CORE OF Who We Are AS A VILLAGE, AND WE ARE Set To Continue On This Path!"

- The Village's total receipts exceeded total disbursements on the modified cash basis of accounting by $2,729,812 for the year, resulting in an increase in net position of 11.7 percent over the previous year. This was mainly due to significant capital outlay expenses and an increase in cash receipts.
- The Village's General Fund ended the year with a fund balance of $2,938,975, which was a decrease of 0.05 percent vs. last year. This was due to a slight decrease in cash receipts and an increase in public works spending.

Memorial Paver Update

We have received 22 memorial brick paver orders to date for installation in the Green Oaks Memorial Garden (located at the corner of Route 137 and O'Plaine Road). The first batch of memorial bricks will be produced this winter, with installation scheduled for spring of 2027. Since installation is planned for the spring, we are extending the ordering deadline through Dec. 31, 2026. To be included in the spring installation, please order your brick today. See page 11 for the order form.



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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

As we enjoy the benefits of our recently repaired roads, we must remember that winter is quickly approaching. Here are a few snow and snow plowing matters to keep in mind:

- **All Village streets** will be plowed when accumulation is greater than one inch.
- **Major intersections** will be salted during a plow event.
- **In the event of icy conditions,** neighborhoods and side streets will be salted.
- **Mailboxes that inadvertently get damaged by the snow plow contractor:**
  - Will be repaired or replaced with a temporary mailbox until weather permits to allow for a permanent solution.
  - Will be permanently repaired, usually in spring, with a new mailbox of contractor's choice, installed by contractor, or you can request a $50 reimbursement.
  - Any mailbox damage must be reported to the Village within five days of the damage.
- **Clear your sidewalk.** This is especially helpful for children trying to get to school and for packages/mail to be delivered safely.
- **Consider helping senior citizens and disabled persons** who live nearby by shoveling their sidewalks.
- When clearing your driveway, **shovel or blow the snow onto the parkway to the right side of your driveway** as you face the street. Do not deposit snow on your neighbor's property.
- **Park vehicles off the street.**
- Make sure your **mailbox is 12 inches from the curb** and that the post is secure.
- **Adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow.** It's there to protect you.
- **Please stay clear of the street while shoveling or snow blowing your driveway** if you see a plow or any traffic. The safety of our community is our No.1 priority.
- **If your property has difficult or blind areas** that a snow plow driver may not be aware of, please consider placing temporary stakes in the areas of concern to help alleviate any possible damage that might occur. The best time to do this is in early December.

GROOT

Our Residential Waste Hauler Observes 6 Holidays Per Year.
Collection Is Delayed 1 Day For The Following Holidays:
New Years • Memorial Day • 4th of July
Labor Day • Thanksgiving • Christmas

Emergency Numbers

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Village Building Inspection Line	847-847-1631
Village Water Emergency	847-478-9800
Village Water Emergency (After Hours)	847-212-1559
Fire Department (Libertyville Fire Dept.)	847-362-5664
Lake County Animal Control	847-377-4700
Lake County Sheriff (Emergency)	9-1-1
Lake County Sheriff (Non-Emergency)	847-549-5200
Lake County Health Department	847-360-6711
Lake County Dept. of Transportation	847-377-7400
Lake County Public Works Dept.	847-377-7500
Lake County Public Works Dept. (After Hours)	847-377-7188
Libertyville Township	847-362-5900
IL Dept. of Transportation (IDOT)	847-705-4300
J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123
GROOT (Garbage Disposal)	847-693-2700
Oak Grove School (Dist. 68)	847-367-4120
Rondout School (Dist. 72)	847-362-2021
Libertyville High School (Dist. 128)	847-327-7000

Saturday, December 5, 2026 • Visit Greenoaks.org for Details



Santa PARADE

Village of Green Oaks

SANTA PARADE

Save The Date!

Join Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves for the Village of Green Oaks' Santa Parade! Look for Santa and his crew in your neighborhood on Saturday, Dec. 5, 2026. The event begins at 2 p.m. Visit greenoaks.org for full details. Click on the QR code for the Santa Parade route and schedule.





See You There!







Public Affairs

Kevin Griffin ~ Village Trustee

The Village's fourth annual Oaktoberfest took place Sept. 12 at Lambs Farm, bringing together neighbors and friends for an evening of family fun and community connection. Residents enjoyed games, delicious food, refreshments and live music. (Photos courtesy of Plan Commission Member Scott Singer. Thanks, Scott!)

OAKTOBERFEST
Village of
Green Oaks














SHERIFF








FLAVOR


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A Day @ The Office

Denise Kafkis ~ Village Administrator

It's hard to believe that fall is well underway and that soon, we will be in the midst of holiday celebrations and time with family and friends. It's certainly an exciting time of the year!

I'd like to take a few moments to welcome our newest Green Oaks residents. We're so glad to have new families joining our community throughout the year. We're confident you'll love Green Oaks as much as we do, and we hope you'll make it your home and community for many years to come.

This time of year also reminds us of the importance of gratitude and kindness. There are many ways to put these values into practice. We can be good neighbors by helping each other and looking out for elderly or disabled residents who may need assistance with snow shoveling or other tasks. Take a moment to lend a helping hand. You'll be glad you did!

Our community is committed to giving back and helping those in need, and we're proud to support a variety of charitable programs throughout the year.



SWALCO Reuse-A-Shoe Program

Residents recently had the opportunity to donate unwanted shoes to this program. Thank you to everyone who contributed! We collected hundreds of shoes that will be reused or repurposed into environmentally friendly products.

Annual Coat Drive For Veterans

We also want to thank everyone who donated coats to the GLMV Chamber of Commerce's Annual Coat Drive for Vets. These donations will benefit local veterans and their families in need through Midwest Veterans Closet, a nonprofit organization that provides free clothing to former service members.



Thank You!

And finally, a big thank you to residents who participated in the DEA Drug Take Back event. With assistance from the Lake County Sheriff's Department, we collected 41.6 pounds of prescription medications for safe disposal.



Thank you for all you do to make Green Oaks such a wonderful place to call home. I wish you and your families a happy and healthy holiday season! Be sure to kick off the festivities by joining us for the Village's Santa Parade on Saturday, December 5!

Building & Community Development

Pete Furlong ~ Village Trustee

Winter will soon arrive, and fall cleaning and preparation is underway. Please be aware that parking or storing trailers, campers or motor homes in driveways is prohibited.

Please consider these tips when preparing your property for winter:

- Keep wood piles away from the exterior of your home to reduce rodent infestations.
- Trim and clean bushes, trees and debris that are close to your home.
- Be sure sump pump discharge lines are at least 10 – 15 feet from your home.
- Clean/cut any debris from ditches for spring rains.
- Check and clean gutters for debris.



No Solicitation Decals

The Village has created No Solicitation decals, which are 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. Stop by Village Hall and pick yours up today!

Annexation, Planning & Zoning

Rich Glogovsky ~ Village Trustee

The primary purpose for enacting the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District was to provide a funding source to improve the aging infrastructure of the Rondout area, which was annexed into Green Oaks in the early 1990s. The Village continues to seek out opportunities to improve conditions in the TIF District in order to attract private investment in the district and increase the tax base. In Illinois, TIF Districts have a maximum statutory limit of 23 years, and it is projected that the Green Oaks TIF District will expire by the end of 2037.

The Village TIF District's total receipts exceeded total disbursements on the modified cash basis of accounting by $2,981,333 for the year, resulting in an increase in net position of 8.38 percent vs. last year. The Village's TIF Fund ended the year with a fund balance of $5,414,542.

At right is a snapshot of how well the TIF District is performing after 12 years.

TIF Redevelopment Project Area 1: Rondout Area
Year 12
EAV & Tax Increments

IL DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE PTAX 251-TIF

Tax Year	EAV Increment	Tax Increment	Fiscal Year
2014	$ 39,519	$ 2,627	FY 16
2015	$ 423,365	$ 28,159	FY 17
2016	$ 2,690,614	$ 171,324	FY 18
2017	$14,381,067	$ 957,891	FY 19
2018	$29,314,587	$1,928,301	FY 20
2019	$32,962,791	$2,235,558	FY 21
2020	$33,309,028	$2,278,575	FY 22
2021	$31,761,111	$2,244,963	FY 23
2022	$32,940,925	$2,364,297	FY 24
2023	$35,410,963	$2,571,423	FY 25
2024	$39,336,961	$2,760,955	FY 26
2025	$42,005,648	$2,840,301	FY 27

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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. Orders must be received by January 1st for Spring '26 Installation. 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.

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• 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 •

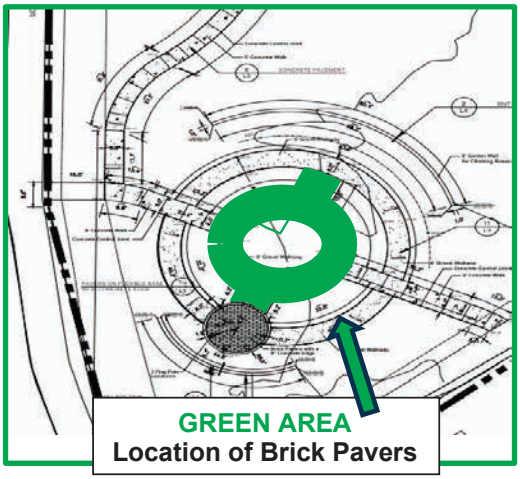
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Please print clearly as you wish the inscription to appear on the brick

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

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LINE 4													
LINE 5													
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Deadline: December 31, 2026 for Spring Installation

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