

# The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER

Fall / Winter 2015

VILLAGE OF  
GREEN OAKS

*Community of Country Living*



## Trick or Treat?

**Halloween Trick or Treat Hours**

Saturday, October 31st

from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

These hours coincide with those of Libertyville and other surrounding communities.



## REMEMBER

Sunday Night

November 1<sup>st</sup>

Set  
your  
clocks  
back -

Daylight  
Saving Time Ends



## Fall Leaf Pick-Up

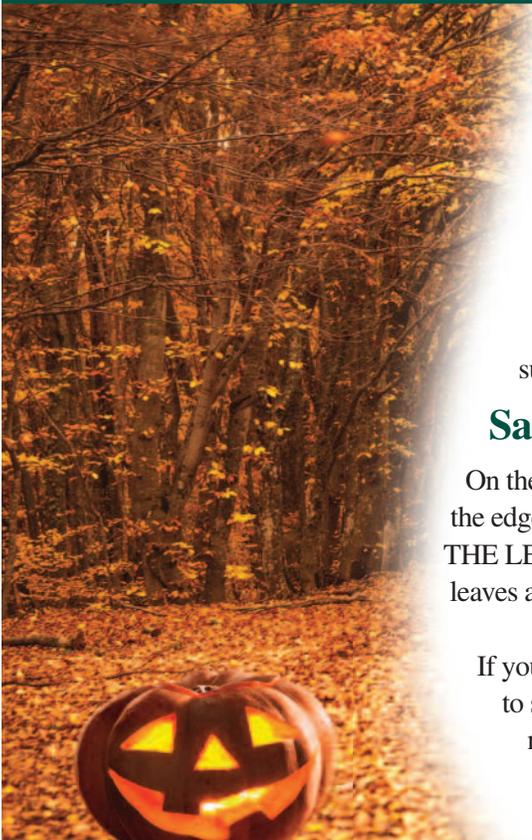
### AUTUMN HAS ARRIVED

A time to enjoy raking leaves!! The village is again offering its annual fall leaf pick-up. The service is provided to residents free of charge. The dates for the collections have been increased to encourage residents to use these services as a substitute for burning leaves. This year's dates will be:

### Saturdays Only ~ October 24 through November 28

On the night before, or by 6:00 a.m. on the day of the pick-up, rake your leaves to the edge of the roadway where disposal trucks will vacuum them away. **DO NOT BAG THE LEAVES.** To insure maximum drainage during the winter and spring, clear the leaves and debris from all culverts and roadside ditches on your property.

If you prefer to bag your leaves, Groot Disposal, the waste hauler franchised to serve our Village, offers various yard waste disposal options. Customers not already enrolled in the yard waste subscription service can call Groot Disposal at 847-566-5159 to inquire about the programs and options.



# Annexation, Planning & Zoning Update

With the passing of Trustee Denny Dorsey, The Village lost not only a great friend to the village, but a great leader. I've worked closely with Denny over the years and have never seen anyone dedicate so much of their time and energy, not to an individual or group, but rather an entire Village. For Denny didn't see the Village for what it was, but rather what it could be.

Most recently Denny led the Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Implementation Team that was responsible for the formation of the TIF District in the Rondout area. I can't think of a better legacy for Denny than to see the development taking place today in our newly formed TIF District. With two ground breaking ceremonies under our belt, we've set the stage to start the redevelopment of the Rondout area and the Route 176 corridor.

At the former Jamaican Garden site, the Green Oaks Senior Living by Spectrum Development will contain 110 independent, 48 assisted living and 24 memory care apartments. This \$47 million development will create between 90 and 105 new jobs.

During the formation of the TIF District, the Village annexed the former Hill Top Sanitarium site where the Sheridan of Green Oaks by Senior Lifestyles Development is now under construction. Phase one of this senior living facility will contain a total of 198 apartments consisting of

independent, assisted and memory care. Phase two will consist of 28 duplex townhomes. This \$63 million development will create more than 90 new jobs. Also on the site will be the Green Oaks Commons, a commercial/office space development. The first of four buildings is currently in the final stages of plan review. Construction should commence shortly.

With these developments in hand the incremental tax revenue that can be used to fund public infrastructure redevelopment will be forthcoming for this area. The Village engineering firm, RHMG is currently working on the engineering design for stormwater drainage improvements to the West Rondout area and to get the project "Shovel ready". As additional revenue is realized from the incremental tax revenues in the District, more projects will be considered including potential work at the Bradley Road and Rt. 176 intersection, as well as streetscape, façade and site improvement programs to help local property owners in the TIF District improve their properties.

If you have any questions about our TIF or other planning matters, please feel free to reach out to me.

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# President's Corner

– Bernard Wysocki  
**VILLAGE PRESIDENT**

This past month I attended two huge ground breaking ceremonies in the village. I also attended the funeral of our dear friend and former trustee, Dennis Dorsey. One phrase was repeated at all the ceremonies. It was said that Dennis saw the properties not for what it was, but what it could be.

Despite being diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Denny convinced first Spectrum Retirement Communities to develop the old Jamaican Gardens property on Route 176, and then did the same with The Sheridan at Green Oaks Senior Living Facility to redevelop the old Hilltop Sanitarium.

He also "redeveloped" our Village Board, and inspired us to take action on his T.I.F. District proposal. Despite his condition, he motivated us more than one can imagine. We will all miss him.

At the Spectrum ground-breaking ceremony, the accommodations, and building projects were discussed. There will be 194 apartments composed of 110 independent living apartments, 48 assisted living, and 24 memory care units. In addition, there will be six duplex cottages (12 units) around the lake that have two car garages. In the community space, it is planned to have a theater, a wellness center, library, beauty salon, dining rooms, bistro, sky lounge, and walking trails. The construction costs will be over 47 million dollars. Spectrum is a national retirement community company and they plan to build a state-of-the-art facility.

In early September, I welcomed the Sheridan at Green Oaks Senior Living Facility as a wonderful addition to the Village. This 30 acre project will include 198 units between independent living, assisted living, and memory care. Seven of the 30 acres will remain undeveloped in a conservation area. There will be 28 townhomes constructed in later phases of the project. The Sheridan will create between 90 and 105 full time jobs. This multi-million dollar project hopes to have a grand opening in 14 months.

Denny's vision of redeveloping blighted areas has come to fruition. Our prayers and our thanks go to Denny and his family for all they have given to our Village.



Village President Bernard Wysocki and the late Trustee Dennis Dorsey at the dedication of the Dennis Dorsey Conservation Area May 31.





## Lake County Sheriff Reminds Motorists Schools are in Session

With school back in session, Sheriff Mark Curran would like to remind motorists, parents, and children to use extra caution while commuting or walking to school. Now is the perfect opportunity to speak with your children about being safe when walking to the bus stop or walking to school. Some safety tips are:

- Walk with a group, a parent, or a friend when possible
- Walk on the sidewalk and only cross the street in crosswalks
- When crossing the street look both ways to ensure no traffic is coming from any direction
- Continuously look left and right while crossing the road to ensure no traffic is approaching while crossing
- Don't assume someone driving a car can see you
- Wear bright colored clothing so motorists can better identify you as a pedestrian
- Never accept a ride from a stranger

Drivers are reminded to slow down when entering and driving through school zones. School zones in Illinois require drivers travel at 20MPH or slower. Sheriff's Highway Patrol Deputies are monitoring school safety zone areas and targeting drivers violating speed limits, illegally passing stopped school buses, and violating cell phone restrictions. Additionally, drivers should be extra watchful this time of year and yield for children (or any pedestrian) crossing the road. Sheriff Mark Curran said, "remember, it's everybody's responsibility to ensure children make it to school safely!"



## Rondout School District 72 Fledglings "Flights" Return for 2015-2016

The Rondout Fledglings program is a highly interactive program for parents and their preschoolers (ages 3-5) which is led by Rondout staff, guest experts and other early childhood professionals. The monthly program offers 45 minutes of engaging activities for parents and children to enjoy together. Families from the Rondout area have priority in registering for these sessions but non-residents are welcome if space is available. Fledglings provides budding "Rondout Falcons" with early enrichment giving parents of young children a chance to meet while supporting the active participation of pre-school families from the Rondout School community. Hope you can join us for one or more of these exciting "flights". RSVP to [dianne.vanwormer@rondoutsd72.org](mailto:dianne.vanwormer@rondoutsd72.org) or 847-362-2021.



October 28 Wed.	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Ages 3-5 Halloween Stories
November 23 Mon.	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Ages 3-5 Making Music
December 9 Wed.	10:15-11:00 a.m.	Ages 3-5 Art Adventure
January 13 Wed.	2:00-2:45 p.m.	Ages 3-5 Winter Wonder-Stories for the Under Six
February 24 Wed.	10:00-10:45 a.m.	Ages 3-5 Mindful Movement for Minis
March 16 Wed.	2:00-2:45 p.m.	Ages 3-5 Making Music
April 20 Wed.	9:00-9:45 a.m.	Ages 3-5 3-5 Dance Party
May 18 Wed.	10:15-11:00 a.m.	Ages 3-5 Nature Walk and Garden Time
May 25 Wed. Special Fly-up day for Fledglings registered for the 2016-2017 Kindergarten Class		

Please contact Dr. Wojcik at 847-362-2021 or [jenny.wojcik@rondoutsd72.org](mailto:jenny.wojcik@rondoutsd72.org) if you have any questions.

**Pre-School Screening** is a service provided to district residents and those pre-school children who attend East Lake Academy and The Montessori School of Lake Forest at no cost. The screening includes a look at a child's development in speech and language skills, motor skills, cognitive skills, vision and hearing and social-emotional skills. The process takes approximately one hour and includes our student services team screening your child, a parent interview and concluding feedback session. Appointments are required. **Screening Dates for 2015-2016 October 26, November 23, December 3, December 4, January 25, February 22, April 25, May 9.** Parents of pre-school students ages 3 to 5 are encouraged to bring their children in for a developmental screening on an annual basis.





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## Snow Plowing

A friendly reminder with regards to snow plowing this winter season:

- Snow will be plowed when accumulation is greater than 1" on main streets and 2" on side streets.
- Major intersections will always be salted during a plow event.
- In the event of icy conditions, neighborhoods and side streets will be salted.
- Any mailbox damaged by the contractor will be repaired or replaced with a temporary mailbox. Any related damages will be reimbursed up to \$50 maximum.
- The contractor will be inspecting all mailboxes by November 15th to determine current mailbox conditions.
- All claims must be made within 5 (five) days of damage.
- Consider marking areas of property and cover plants that are a concern for possible snowplow damage.
- Please keep your garbage and recycle containers off the street during a plow event.

### Be safe - be seen. It's only your life that depends on it.

When walking at night, for safety purposes, please wear reflective clothing or carry a flashlight.



## VILLAGE OF GREEN OAKS

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Regular monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees will be the fourth Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall. Committees meet regularly on the first and third Wednesday of each month at the Village Hall.

### ELECTED OFFICIALS

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## WELCOME THE HOLIDAYS WITH THE... Green Oaks Holiday Chorus!

The Green Oaks Holiday chorus will perform its 26th Annual Christmas Concert to Benefit P.A.D.S. of Lake County at 7:30 p.m. Friday, December 19 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 29700 N. St. Mary's Road, Libertyville. The concert will include Christmas Choral Selections, Christmas Carols, Popular Christmas Songs and a Sing-a-Long. Admission is free, but any donation to P.A.D.S. of Lake County would be appreciated.

Call 847-362-3809 for more information or, in case of severe snow, for an alternate date.



## Green Oaks Garden Club

Green Oaks Area Garden Club was established in 2011. The club is open to any interested person from Green Oaks and the surrounding communities. Club meetings are held the 1st Thursday of the month at 6:45 pm. The club meets February through November. Our meetings include both tours of local gardens and learning through guest speakers. We also do charitable work and help each other with garden issues. There is no pressure to be an expert gardener. For more information contact [gogardenclub@gmail.com](mailto:gogardenclub@gmail.com) or Laura at 847-987-8575.



## Lambs Farm Tribute Garden

Lambs Farm dedicated its Tribute Garden in July. It serves as a natural bridge between the public and private areas of the campus, and provides a wonderful opportunity to honor or memorialize a loved one.




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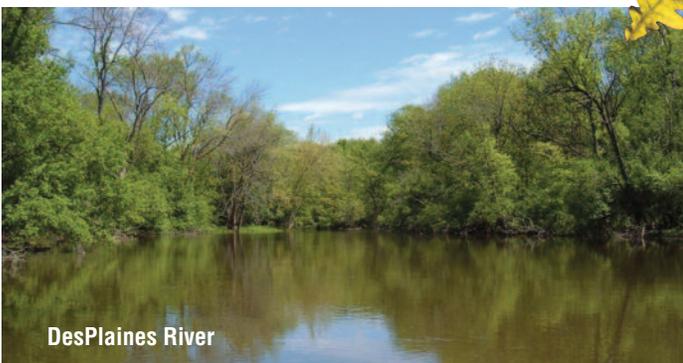
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## National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Program (Phase II)

According to the USEPA, polluted stormwater runoff is a leading cause of impairment to the nearly 40 percent of surveyed U.S. water bodies which do not meet water quality standards. Polluted runoff is discharged directly into local water bodies via ditches or storm sewers. When left uncontrolled, this water pollution can result in destruction of fish, wildlife, and aquatic life habitats; a loss in aesthetic value; and threats to public health due to contaminated food, drinking water supplies, and recreational waterways. The NPDES Stormwater Program is a comprehensive two-phased national program mandated by Congress under the Clean Water Act to address non-agricultural sources of stormwater discharges which adversely affect the quality of our nation's waters. (Source: USEPA, NPDES FAQs)

For information on the Village's efforts to comply with the NPDES Phase II program and on ways residents can assist in eliminating pollutants discharged to stormwater systems, please see the Village's new NPDES Phase II webpage at <http://greenoaks.org/information/page11610557.aspx>



DesPlaines River

## Guidelines for Draining Swimming Pools



Chlorinated water discharged to surface water (wetlands, lakes, streams, rivers, etc.), roadways or storm sewers has an adverse impact on local water quality. High concentrations of chlorine, which are present in swimming pools, are toxic to wildlife and fish. When draining your pool for the late fall/early winter, please follow one of the following measures:

- De-chlorinate the water in the pool prior to draining. This can be done through mechanical or chemical means. These types of products are readily available at local stores. Or,
- Drain the pool over a period of several days across your lawn following the additional guidelines below:
  1. Allow pool water to sit for at least 2 days while receiving a reasonable amount of sunlight, and without further addition of chlorine or bromine. Test the chlorine level after 2 days to ensure that safe levels are met (below 0.1 mg/l).
  2. Direct discharges from the pool across your lawn, not down your driveway or into nearby storm sewer inlets. Our storm sewer system leads directly to wetlands, streams, lakes or rivers.

These recommendations are based on guidance from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. Visit [www.epa.state.il.us/water](http://www.epa.state.il.us/water) for additional information. Thank you for doing your part to help promote cleaner wetlands, streams, lakes and rivers.

# Streets & Roads Report

## MAINTENANCE

Once again, as in this time every year in Green Oaks, we take our portion of the motor fuel tax that we receive from the State of Illinois, and the revenue we receive from the sale of our vehicle stickers, pick a couple of roads that are in dire need of repair, and pulverize and overlay those roads. Whatever remaining funds we have are used to sweep, patch and crack seal roads where we can. The money we receive from the State and our vehicle stickers provides enough to fix only the worst roads in the village. This lack of funds prevents us from repairing any more roads, so that the rest of the Village's roads continue to become progressively worse faster than we can maintain them. As a result, the average condition of a typical road in Green Oaks has become progressively worse over the last eight years according to the last three comprehensive evaluations made in 2006, 2010 and 2014.

One possible way for the Village to catch up in the maintenance of its roads would be to issue a bond for the purpose of fixing virtually all the roads in the Village over the next five years to be repaid by us over the next twenty years. Over the next few months, members of the Village Board will make themselves available to whichever residents may be interested to see if this is an option that the Village should explore. The Village Board cannot endorse any one option, we can only give out information. The ultimate decision on which course to take lies with all of us as a village to determine. If enough people are interested in the Village issuing a bond, then the Village as a whole could vote on it in a referendum during the March, 2016 Primary Election.

If anyone is interested in learning more about this, or other means to finance the repair of our roads, please feel free to contact Assistant Village Engineer Ben Metzler with RHMG Engineers, Inc. at 847-362-5959 x22 or at Benjamin.Metzler@greenoaks.org or myself me by phone or email through the Village website.

## SNOW PLOWING

Sad to say, Summer has ended which means that Fall and Winter can't be far behind. Soon enough, we'll have to deal with snow, and snow plowing issues. As a reminder, our snow plowing contract stipulates that we plow only the main streets if there's just an inch of accumulated snow on the ground, and all the streets if there are two or more inches.

If you feel that 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 may occur. The best time to do this is in early December. In the meantime, enjoy the warm weather while we still have it!

**Trustee Dan Sugrue**  
**Chairman - Streets and Roads Committee**



Village President Bernard Wysocki administers Oath of Office to newest Plan Commission member Theresa Guerriero August 26th.





## **PUBLIC WORKS** **Underground**

**Trustee**  
**John Wagener**  
**Chairman**

### **Are You a Comcast Public WiFi Hotspot?**

The Public Works Committee is taking a break from reporting on drainage, recycling and trails this quarter because of something that came up during the recent public hearing on renewing Comcast's cable television franchise in the Village.

A few weeks before the public hearing, the Committee heard what it thought was surely an urban legend because it was so bizarre: Comcast internet customers were being used as an integral part of Comcast's business model to create a nationwide public WIFI network by allowing third parties to connect to their Comcast provided wireless home internet router. Yes, you read that correctly. And no, the Committee does not have a shiny "space blanket" like Saul's brother Chuck McGill. The wireless gateway that you are renting from Comcast (not to mention paying for the electricity that powers it) is being used by Comcast as the backbone of its nationwide WIFI network. This issue is part of a class action lawsuit pending on the left coast, which was recently ordered to arbitration by a federal judge. The Comcast Xfinity Class Action Lawsuit is Toyer Gear et al. v. Comcast Corporation, Case No. 4:14-cv-05333-JSW, pending in the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California.

In other words, depending on signal strength and location, anyone in or near your home has WIFI access thru Comcast and you are paying for the privilege of providing it on behalf of the company so long as you have one of their wireless routers. The Comcast equipment has two antennae, one signal for your presumably secure network and another signal for whoever happens by to use. One study estimated that the cost to operate this hot spot was \$23 per year. Multiply that by the number of Comcast internet customers, and you can see the enormously large scale of savings.

The Committee asked Comcast's Senior Manager of Government Affairs to provide it with an information sheet about this practice, including instructions on how to disable this so-called "added benefit." The Committee was turned down because "[al]l of that activity has been heavily advertised & promoted" and also because "Comcast

communicates with its customers directly, as evidenced by the fact that the home hotspot info... was readily available on our website." The Committee has had Comcast internet since it was first available and must have missed that fine print.

So, Village Residents, if you want to disable that second antenna, you can go to:

<http://customer.xfinity.com/help-and-support/internet/disable-xfinity-wifi-home-hotspot/>

and follow the instructions. Or, you can purchase your own wireless router like the Committee. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your Public Works Committee chair at [john.wagener@greenoaks.org](mailto:john.wagener@greenoaks.org).



# Rain Barrel Reminder & Special “End of Season” Sale

Lake County Illinois sent this bulletin at 10/06/2015 12:00 PM CDT

[view as a webpage](#)



**October 6th, 2015**

## Autumn is in the Air!

...Oh the joys of home ownership! Autumn cleanup is underway for many Lake County residents. During this busy time of year we'd like to take a moment to remind you to bring in your Free Garden Rain Barrels as recommended by the manufacturer. Dry barrels should be stored in the shed or garage until next season. If the barrel is left outside with freezing water inside, it may crack.

Perhaps, you've been thinking about adding another barrel to enhance your collection volume for next year – good news! We've got a few left... We've decided to drop the already-low sale price another \$5.00, just bring in your sales receipt from the 2015 sale (at the Lake County Forest Preserve Plant Sale event or from SWALCO's office) and we'll make the adjustment.

(Psstt...Rain Barrels could also make a unique holiday present for the hard-to-buy-for friend or family member.)

**Please reserve your next barrel today at [info@swalco.org](mailto:info@swalco.org) - Title the message with "We want a Rain Barrel!"**



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