

# The Oak Leaf

NEWSLETTER

Spring / Summer 2015

VILLAGE OF  
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## CONSERVE LAKE COUNTY

**Appointments now available for spring eco-friendly landscaping consultations with nonprofit group**

Anyone who desires to incorporate eco-friendly practices into their landscaping this year can now schedule a property consultation and receive tailored recommendations through the region's nonprofit Conservation At Home program, administered locally through Conserve Lake County, a 20-year-old professionally staffed organization based in Grayslake. Appointments are 60 to 90 minutes long and can be made at 847.548.5989 or [www.ConserveLakeCounty.org](http://www.ConserveLakeCounty.org). The \$50 fee supports the nonprofit's award-winning work and includes a handsome certification sign for qualifying properties.

During appointments, property owners walk their site with a certified sustainable landscape consultant and learn how to make better use of time and budgets while contributing to protection of Lake County's exceptional natural resources. They learn how to retain aesthetics and improve property values while making the landscape healthy for pets, people, songbirds and butterflies. They also learn about ecological treasures or



invasive species that might exist on the property, and ways to approach water issues, healthy lawn care and landscaping with native trees, shrubs or other plants. The program is available for all types of properties, including residential, commercial and institutional.



**CONSERVE**  
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# Streets & Roads Report

Now that Spring has finally arrived, we're going through the Village, re-examining the condition of our roads, and surveying the impact from the cold temperatures, the snow and the road salt from last winter. Our Village engineers are updating their rating system for the Village roads to bring it more up to date, and to help determine which of our roads need the most immediate help. Once we've set our schedule for road repairs this summer, we can start advertising for bids from local contractors. Repairs will range from pulverize and overlay for our worst roads, to patching, crack sealing, and wedge shouldering.

Once again, the money we receive from village vehicle stickers goes directly to fixing these roads, so please return your applications as soon as you can. Most of the money we use to fix the roads come from our share of the state motor fuel tax that is distributed to municipalities throughout the state. Unfortunately, there's been talk in Springfield about significant reductions in the amount of money municipalities like ours receive from the state. All this means that, due to the scope of repairs needed in our village to maintain our roads, and the limited resources available to us to meet those needs, the hard choices we've had to make over the last few years will become even harder.

Once again, Green Oaks will be joining other local towns, such as Gurnee and Libertyville, in a cooperative purchasing agreement organized by the Lake County Municipal League so that we can negotiate lower bids for crack sealing and street sweeping. In the past, we've been able to save a significant amount of money this way. Hopefully, we'll have the same success this year.

As always, if you have any questions about our roads, I can be reached at 847-769-2844.

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



# GLMV Relay for Life!

The American Cancer Society GLMV Relay for Life will be held in Century Park on June 27th this year. The walk will be from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm. You can come join us and cheer on survivors, sponsor a walker, or participate in the event fundraisers. If you want to join an existing team or start your own team, you can do so at [www.RelayForLife.org/GLMVIL](http://www.RelayForLife.org/GLMVIL).

Additionally, we are looking for corporate sponsors. If you have questions about sponsorship you can contact our ACS staff partner Maggie Parmelee at [Maggie.Parmelee@cancer.org](mailto:Maggie.Parmelee@cancer.org).



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# President's Corner

– Bernard Wysocki  
VILLAGE PRESIDENT

John Lennon, a famous musician, was quoted as saying, “Life is what happens while you are busy making other plans.” This quote was especially true for our Village Board trustees. Two of the hardest working trustees on our board were Ginny Woods and Dennis Dorsey. Both Ginny and Dennis served on the board for many years and resigned in the the past two months.

Fortunately, we were able to find replacements for the board. We have recently appointed Ms. Gwen Jader and Bryan Muskat. They join the Board of Trustees after serving the Village on the Plan Commission for many years. Gwen, who grew up in the Chicagoland area, graduated from Northwestern University and has worked for Abbott Labs. She and her husband moved thereafter to Green Oaks where their two daughters attended Oak Grove School. In addition to her busy life, Gwen also had a featured column in the Daily Herald Newspaper. She will be chairperson of our Public Affairs and Communications Committee.

Bryan grew up in Glenview and after college joined the “family business.” He is president of Triangle Package Machinery Company, which manufactures packaging machines. Bryan lives in the Reigate Subdivision with his wife and two daughters. He will be the chairman of the Annexation, Planning and Zoning Committee.

Bryan was the Chariman of the Plan Commission and with his resignation from the Plan Commission we have appointed Tim Snell as Chairman for the Plan Commission Board. Tim is the senior member of that Board. He has a great wealth of knowledge regarding our Village.

If there are interested Village residents who would like to serve on the Plan Commission or Zoning Board, please send our Village Administrator your resume.

Best wishes and many thanks to Ginny and Dennis, and best of luck to Gwen, Bryan, and Tim.



## BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

Village of Green Oaks Building Department

The warmer season has started for building and improving our homes and properties. Many questions are asked throughout the year as to when a building permit is required.

Below is a basic list of areas and instances when a Building Permit is required:

- Single Family Homes
- Room Additions
- Shed (Attached & Detached)
- Fences & Pillars
- Decks, Patios, and Gazebos
- Pools & Hot Tubs
- Interior Remodeling (including Basement)
- Any Interior Mechanicals – Plumbing, Electrical (including security and entertainment wiring), Heating, Air conditioning
- Re-Roofing of any type.
- New Siding
- Garages (Attached and Detached)
- Fireplaces
- Lawn Sprinkler Systems

Below is a basic list of areas and instances when a Site Development Permit is required:

- Site Grading that may occur in a Flood Zone. You may reference flood-plain information on the village website
- Site Grading that disturbs more than 1000 square feet.
- New Building Grading
- New Building Addition Grading
- In-Ground Swimming Pools
- Tennis or Basketball courts (off-driveway)
- Driveway, Deck, or Patio Installations greater than 1000 square feet
- Earth Berms “Berms”
- Septic Fields or Mounds Installation / Replacement
- Utility Installation / Repair (Storm Sewer, Sanitary Sewer, or Water Main)

The village’s intent for using permits is to ensure SAFETY and making sure that all improvements are performed properly per local and national codes. This ensured the safety for your family as well as future owners. All of these permits are similar in type and can be combined into a singular permit if/as needed.

Building applications and additional information are available at the Village Hall and Online [www.greenoaks.org](http://www.greenoaks.org) If you need additional information, please call the village at (847) 362-5363

Have a great, healthy and safe summer season!

Best Regards, Rich Glogovsky  
Chairman of the Building Department





## PUBLIC WORKS **Underground**

**Trustee  
John Wagener  
Chairman**

**Dorsey Conservation Area Stewardship Update:** In our last column, we reported on the designation of “Outlot A” of the Reigate Woods Subdivision as the new Dennis Dorsey Conservation Area and the stewards who were leading the restoration efforts. During the late Fall and continuing through this Winter, and up until a few weeks ago, the stewards were hard at work. During this buckthorn clearing season, a total of 47 volunteer stewards logged 631 hours over 18 different work days. They cleared buckthorn out of approximately 5.5 acres of the Northern Flatwoods, largely with hand tools. The economic value of their hard work is in excess of \$21,000. In early April, a prescribed burn was conducted in the newly cleared area. By safely reducing excessive amounts of brush, and thus encouraging the regrowth of native vegetation, the burn should help to maintain the many plant and animal species whose habitats depend on periodic fire. If you have not “seen the forest for the trees” lately, you should definitely check out the Dorsey Conservation Area. You will be amazed at its ongoing transformation.



BEFORE



AFTER

**Electronics Recycling:** The Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (“SWALCO”) dipped into its reserves in order to fund the electronics collection program which it temporarily suspended in December. See the SWALCO website [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org) for a new list of drop off sites and their hours. Unfortunately, based upon current projections, the interim funding will only last through July 2015. The Public Works Committee continues to strongly encourage you to contact our legislative representatives and demand that they modify the Illinois Electronics Products and Recycling Act, including the passage of HB 1455, to eliminate the unfunded mandate imposed by the original Act.

**Household Chemical Waste Collections:** SWALCO has announced its updated schedule for HCW collections. Vernon Hills has agreed to host a mobile drop-off event at their Metra Station located at Route 35 and Ranney Road on Saturday, May 16th from 8:00 am to 2:30 pm. In addition to the mobile events, SWALCO also hosts collections at its Gurnee facility on the second Saturday and fourth Monday of each month (except for May and December). For more information, including exactly what types of waste can be dropped off, check the SWALCO website, [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org). Native Plants, Rain Barrels & Compost Bins, Oh My! – Don’t forget the Annual Native Plant, Rain Barrel and Compost Bin sale taking place on Saturday, May 9th at Independence Grove Forest Preserve from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This event is jointly sponsored by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (“SMC”) and SWALCO. Look for more detailed information elsewhere in this newsletter.

If you have any questions concerning public sewer, municipal water, the trail system, storm water management or solid waste and recycling, please feel free to contact your Public Works Committee chair at [john.wagener@greenoaks.org](mailto:john.wagener@greenoaks.org)





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## Vehicle Sticker Purchases



In May, a pre-printed application form will be mailed to owners of vehicles registered within the municipal boundaries of the Village of Green Oaks. If you do not receive an application, kindly contact the Village Administrative Office at 847-362-5363 Monday thru Friday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm to request that one be mailed to you. If the form that was sent to you is incomplete or inaccurate, please make the necessary correction before returning the form.

Collection of all vehicle sticker revenue by the Village is essential as its proceeds, together with the Illinois State Motor Fuel Tax revenues, are used for all roadway construction projects. (See accompanying article regarding the repair of our village streets.) The stickers must be permanently affixed to the front passenger side windshield. To avoid penalties, please remember to send in your vehicle sticker applications or simply stop by the Village Hall to purchase your 2015-2016 vehicle stickers.

Please call the Village Hall if you have any questions and we thank you for your continued support in following our Village Ordinances.



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## Green Oaks Area 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.



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## 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.

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# Annual Spring Clean-Up!

This year's Annual Spring Clean-Up takes place on your regularly scheduled garbage pick-up days, Monday, May 11th and Wednesday, May 13th. This special event is a free service that allows our residents to dispose of bulky items that are not accepted during regular trash collection days. All items must be at the roadside by 6:00 AM on your scheduled pick-up day.

## Bulky items accepted this day include:

- Stoves
- Washers & Dryers
- Hot Water Heaters
- All other large appliances



## Items NOT accepted for pick up due to EPS regulations include:

- All appliances that contain Freon such as Refrigerators, Freezers, Air Conditioners, Dehumidifiers & Electronics To dispose Electronics or items containing Freon, please contact SWALCO at (847) 336-9340 or visit them at [www.swalco.org](http://www.swalco.org)



### Rondout School District 72

## Flying Falcons Adventures Summer Camp Summer 2015



Rondout School will be home to four weeks of hands-on-summer adventures for students entering first grade through sixth grade. This exciting program is open to both resident and non-residents. Participants will engage in a multitude of theme based experiences and excursions. Participants may sign up for one or more of this four week learning adventure. The programs runs from June 15 through July 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### Week 1 (June 15-June 19) ~ Amazing Sports Adventures

...Campers will attend a minor league baseball game and tour the renovated friendly confines of Wrigley Field while engaging in a week filled with active and exciting sporting adventures!

### Week 2 (June 22-June 26) ~ Exploring the Many Possibilities of Food

...Experience an amazing cooking class, select your own ingredients at a local farmer's market and grocery store then create your own culinary masterpiece while designing and creating a cookbook of delicious kid friendly recipes.

### Week 3 (June 29-July 3) ~ Animals All Around Us (No Camp on Friday, July 3rd)

...Take a trip to see the lions, tigers and bears (Oh! My!) and more at Brookfield Zoo while exploring the amazing aquatic adventures of the whales and fish at the Shedd Aquarium!

### Week 4 (July 6-July 10) ~ Technology, Coding and More

...Experience the excitement of coding, movie making and 3-D printing during this week of technology exploration. Participants will have an opportunity to tinker with coding activities while also creating a camp movie.

Registration Information can be found on the Rondout website at [www.rondout.org](http://www.rondout.org)

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Native Plant Sale:

Saturday, May 9, 9 am to 3 pm and Sunday, May 10, 10 am to 2 pm

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For more information on the products offered, visit: [enviroworld.us](http://enviroworld.us)



# Rain Barrel, Compost Bin & Native Plant Sale

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**Saturday, May 9, 2015, 9 am to 3 pm (One Day Only)**

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