Autumn Fest
Fun for the Whole Family

Leaf Pickup
Your Guide for Fall

Gearing up for the Labor Day Half-Marathon
Fellow Residents,

This is a great opportunity to update Village residents on significant Village news.

NEW POLICE CHIEF SELECTION

As you are all aware, the Village’s former Police Chief resigned before the new President and Board was sworn in. The Village received 139 applications for the position. To assist me, I have established an Advisory Police Chief Selection Committee (consisting of Trustees Yusuf, Wolin and Manzo and residents Harry Peters and Rick Ascher). This Committee reviewed the large pool of applicants and narrowed the number down to 12. These 12 contenders were submitted to the entire Board for consideration and I expect the Board will interview and submit four or five finalists to me. I will then select the best person for the job!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRIBUTIVE FUNDS (LGDF)

Our recent trip to lobby the legislators on matters affecting Oak Brook produced results. The proposed legislation to reduce or eliminate LGDF could have cost Oak Brook as much as $684,000. This fund was created in 1969 in exchange for municipalities not imposing a local income tax. Prior to January 2011, 10% of all state income taxes revenues went to the municipalities which were reduced to 6% in January 2011. The elected officials of many municipalities lobbied very hard and were able to convince Springfield to KEEP THEIR HANDS OFF IT!

SURVEY

Thanks to all of those who responded to the Village survey. We are in the process of tallying results and plan to give you a report in the next Village newsletter.

SALES TAX / VILLAGE BUDGET

We continue to receive good news on the sales tax front. For the 16th month in a row, the Village’s sales tax receipts were higher than the same month the previous year. However, even with these increases, the general fund sales tax revenues are close to where they were in 2006. We can and will remain diligent about Village expenditures. In the last few months we have reached an agreement with the acting Village Attorney that caps his general legal expenses at $7,500 per month; the previous Village Attorney averaged $10,000 per month in general legal expenses last year. We also eliminated a $60,000 per year lobbyist contract. We will be looking at hiring a lobbyist if needed only for special projects. As your Village President, I pledge to be very active in making sure Oak Brook’s best interests are shared with the legislators in Springfield.

Over the last few months, we have barely scratched the surface - lots of work remains to be done. I look for your guidance and counsel as we move forward together to make Oak Brook a premier place to live, work, and play. Feel free to call, meet, or email me at any time. We elected officials are here to serve you.

With kind regards,

[Signature]
BUDGETING IS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR MANAGING THE VILLAGE’S REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. THE VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK’S PROCESS IS UNDERWAY FOR DEVELOPING ITS BUDGET FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR, WHICH BEGINS JANUARY 1.

The budget process begins with the department directors submitting their funding requests to the Village Manager and Finance Director by mid-September.

The Village Manager, Assistant Village Manager and Finance Director consider funding requests as a starting point to develop a draft budget. In September, there will be numerous meetings with key staff to discuss and evaluate funding requests. Adjustments are made as deemed appropriate and reports are prepared in October.

The Village Board will hold a budget workshop meeting in November to discuss the draft budget. Residents are invited to attend the budget workshop.

During the first week of December, a public hearing will take place regarding the 2012 Budget. Residents have the opportunity to participate in the public hearing.

The adoption of the Final Budget is tentatively scheduled for December 13, 2011 at the regularly scheduled Board meeting.

More information regarding the exact dates of the budget timeline will be posted at www.oak-brook.org as we finalize details in the upcoming month.

Getting Involved: Recent Appointments

The Village Board has approved several appointments to Boards, Commissions and Committees. John Baar and Ed Main were appointed to the Board of Fire and Police Commission. Champ Davis, Steve Young, and Baker Nimry were reappointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). Al Savino has also been appointed to the ZBA. Marcia Tropinski and Raju Iyer were reappointed to the Plan Commission. Raj Lal, Naveen Jain, Al Knuth and Simon Sheers are new appointees to the Plan Commission. However, there remain vacancies to be filled in other Committees/Commissions. Paul Butler’s vision was to have Oak Brook’s best and brightest serve the community in every way. If you would like to donate your time and talent, kindly do so by applying for Village’s various Boards, Committees and Commissions. Brief description and applications are available on the website.
From the Manager’s Desk

DAVID NIEMEYER

This has been a busy summer for the Village. Here is a quick recap of some of the hot topics of the season.

JUNE & JULY STORMS
Summer storms have battered Oak Brook again this summer. The June 21 storm caused significant tree damage and power outages. Public Works removed trees and debris from the June and July storms for more than 6 weeks.

ELECTRIC AGGREGATION
A committee of trustees and homeowners association presidents has been putting together the Village’s plan to bid out our electric supply as a result of the April referendum approval. More information on the program will be explained at a September 13 public hearing at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall and is on the Village website. Residents who are receiving offers from energy supply companies in the mail should carefully read the offer and note any penalty fees for opting out early. The Village expects aggregation efforts to yield significant savings for residents. Municipalities that have gone through the process recently have seen savings in excess of 20 percent on the supply portion of the bill. Because of the hearing and bidding process the Village must go through, savings from the aggregation are expected to begin early next year.

STRATEGIC PLANNING
The Village Board recently started developing a long term strategic plan. The Village Board spent a morning developing a list of strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the Village over the next several years. They are using this information as well as information from the recent Village survey and a business survey to develop goals for the next several years.

ACTING VILLAGE ATTORNEY
The Village is pleased to welcome Peter Friedman with Holland and Knight. He will be the acting attorney until November when the president and board will decide to retain Holland and Knight’s services or seek other proposals.

SEVERE WEATHER SIRENS REFRESHER
The Village outdoor warning sirens activate in conditions of:
- Extreme Wind Warning (Winds in excess of 65+ mph)
- Severe Thunderstorm Warning
- Tornado Warning
- Flood Warning
- Chemical Spills

More information about the sirens can be found on the Village website.
You are invited to join us for light refreshments and a Grand Re-Opening Celebration of Oak Brook’s Newest Subdivision!

Brittwood Creek
Fullersburg Woods
29 Breathtaking Wooded Estates!

Low Oak Brook Taxes
Butler Elementary School Districts 53 • Hinsdale Central High School District 86

Sunday September 18, 2011 • 1:00pm to 5:00pm
Oak Brook Bath & Tennis, 800 Oak Brook Road, Oak Brook, IL

Exclusively Catered by Gibsons!

Hosted by The Oak Brook Real Estate Group of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage and Bridgeview Bank

RSVP – 630-928-8864
The first-ever national test of the Emergency Alert System (EAS) will be conducted later this year. The EAS alert will sound over virtually all radio, TV, cable and certain satellite programs simultaneously, and the message will be different from typical tests, such as weather or AMBER alerts. This new national testing, which is scheduled to be conducted in November, poses the potential for some confusion with the public. We urge residents to remain calm as it is only a test.

In other news, the police department is proud to announce that Ptl. Erica Huff has successfully graduated from the D.A.R.E. Officer Instructor’s Training course. This course consists of two weeks (80 hours) of intense preparatory instruction to present D.A.R.E. curriculum in the classroom. Ptl. Huff will teach her first class at the Brook Forest School in Jan. 2012. We wish her luck in this important undertaking!

Finally, special thanks to the team of employees and all that contributed to the Special Olympics Campaign in July! We are thankful for your donations for this great cause.

With temperatures reaching 99 degrees, Officers Robin Crook, Erica Huff, Mark Kozlowski, Community Service Officer Mike McTighe, Sergeant Mark King, and Division Secretary Laura Millsaps participated in the state-wide Special Olympics fund raising campaign, “Spare Change for Real Change,” by collecting cash donations from motorists at various Oak Brook intersections within their jurisdiction.

On Wednesday, July 20 from 7:00 am to 1:30 pm additional volunteers joined members of the Oak Brook Police Department and collected contributions from hundreds of motorists at 22nd Street and Route 83, one of the busiest intersections in the State of Illinois. “The extreme heat of the day made for a very challenging fund raising event,” said Officer Robin Crook, “but it was well worth every bead of sweat poured out in support of Special Olympics in its efforts to encourage special athletes to compete and work to achieve goals that they never thought possible.”

This year, the Oak Brook Police Department more than doubled their donations, totaling more than $2,300 in cash contributions. “This year, we had more volunteers, so we were able to cover many more intersections and make contact with many more drivers than in years past. Some motorists may have contributed to the campaign because they wanted to reward the volunteers for their efforts in the blistering heat,” reported Officer Erica Huff.

Through the efforts of the Oak Brook Police Department and the many extraordinary volunteers who generously donated their time and energy to this campaign, Special Olympics received funds to assist in continuing to provide opportunities for their special athletes to develop personal fitness, gain physical skills, and pursue goals with courage and determination to reach their full potential as valued and contributing members of the community. The Oak Brook Police Department views its annual participation in the “Spare Change for Real Change” campaign as a privilege in recognition and support the work of Special Olympics.
From the Chief’s Desk

TOM MCELLIN

September 11th marks the tenth anniversary of the multiple terrorists attacks when our Countrymen were targeted while simply doing what Americans do best, working hard each day. Each victim had a personal story; one of those who perished was Kevin Donnelly, brother of Oak Brook resident, Ed Donnelly. Kevin was a highly decorated lieutenant on the New York Fire Department working on a ladder company not lacking in heroes. Courage was an expectation on legendary Ladder Company #3, which lost 12 men that day. Ladder 3’s apparatus was solemnly lowered into the 9/11 Memorial Museum by a crane last month. It will be on display along with Kevin’s helmet shield, which was recovered at Ground Zero. We remember the wonderful souls lost that fateful Tuesday morning as well as our soldiers who died in Iraq and Afghanistan defending our freedoms.

Fire Prevention week officially kicks off on October 9-15, 2011. Firefighters will be visiting schools, daycare centers, and businesses during the entire month of October to teach adults and children about fire safety. This year’s theme is “Protect Your Family From Fire.” Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more information.

Finally, special thanks to the Oak Brook Women’s Club for graciously donating $1,000 to the department for Incident Safety Officer Training.

PROCEDURES FOR OPEN BURNING IN OAK BROOK

• A permit is required in Oak Brook for open burning for all fires with the exception of cooking fires and leaf burning.

• The burn site shall be the minimum size for the intended purpose and will never be more than five feet by five feet by five feet (W x L x H).

• The location for any open burning shall not be less than 50 feet from any structure, and provisions should be made to prevent the fire from spreading to within 50 feet of any structure (e.g. garden hose extended within 10 feet of burn site).

• All combustibles must be natural landscape waste. No trash or accelerants (e.g. gasoline) are allowed.

• A competent person must constantly attend the fire until such fire is extinguished.

• The Fire Department must be notified two hours prior to starting the open burn even when a permit has been issued. The number to call is 630-368-8700 (Communications Center).

• All open burning shall be extinguished by sunset, with the exception of ceremonial bonfires or cooking fires.

• The Fire Chief and all authorized personnel may prohibit any or all open burns when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous, offensive or objectionable.

• Upon receipt of a complaint regarding open burning, fire units will respond to the location of the fire and facilitate extinguishment.

Contact the Fire Department for additional inquiries.

Blazing Bonfires

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Public Works/Engineering had an extremely busy summer. In addition to the 35th Street Paving Project, the Timber Trails Water Main Replacement, and the Pump Station Modernization Project, several significant storms created extra work. Public Works personnel, assisted by contract crews, spent the last week of June and the entire month of July clearing storm damage. Our engineers responded to numerous drainage and flooding issues throughout the Village. The month of August was devoted to catching up on the “normal” summer tasks including: bike path maintenance, traffic sign replacement, line of site trimming along roadways, and restoration of utility dig sites. As Fall approaches, we will be preparing for leaf pickup and doing our winterization tasks.

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) is working to complete the south half of 22nd Street by October. IDOT will finish eastbound pavement gaps, curbs, sidewalks, and driveways, as well as install permanent signals. IDOT will construct signage to assist traffic into businesses, which will remain open at all times. No major traffic changes are anticipated; however, contractors may utilize temporary weekday lane closures between 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Motorists should exercise caution when using business driveways.

**From the Director’s Desk**

MICHAEHL HULLIHAN

**Public Works**

**Autumn Leaf Pickup**

Fall is approaching and with it the laborious task of raking fallen leaves. We recommend that you mulch your leaves and return this very beneficial material back to your lawn and landscape.

Leaves may be raked to the street pavement edge where they will be collected four times by the Village per the schedule below. In order to have an efficient and effective program, your cooperation is needed in adhering to the following procedures:

- **DO NOT** bag your leaves if you want the Village to pick them up. The equipment we use can only pick up piles of loose leaves.
- **Rake ONLY LEAVES** into a pile. NO shrub clippings, sticks, or other debris are permitted, as these materials will clog our equipment.
- **DO NOT pile leaves on the street pavement.** Leaves are to be placed behind the curb or edge of pavement.
- **Please place the leaves a day or two prior to the dates listed below.** Any leaves placed afterwards will not be collected until the next date.

The Fall 2011 pickup schedule is as follows:

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McDonald’s Corporate
711 Jorie Blvd.
The McDonald’s Corporation is expanding its presence in Oak Brook by leasing an entire floor (31,500 sq.ft.) in the office building located at the southeast corner of 22nd Street and Jorie Blvd. Permits have been issued and construction is underway.

Season’s 52
3 Oakbrook Center
Season’s 52 will be renovating the space formally occupied by Braxton’s. An initial plan review has been conducted and comments have been forwarded to the applicant.

Sports Authority Elite
15 Oakbrook Center
Permits have been filed by Sports Authority for an 11,200 sq.ft. store.

Thomasville Furniture
3011 Butterfield
Permits have been issued for a new 11,500 sq.ft. store in the Oak Brook Promenade.

Hot Mama
437 Oakbrook Center
Occupancy has been approved for this women’s specialty clothing store.

Paper Source
433 Oakbrook Center
Occupancy has been approved for this specialty card and stationary store.

Hyatt Lodge
A permit application for a $5 million renovation of the hotel has been received and is under review.

Ravioli ole
Clearwater
Staff has met with the building owners regarding permit submittal for a new (2,000 sq.ft.) restaurant that will be located adjacent to the Jason’s Deli.

Millennium Trust
Permits have been submitted for a 74,000 sq.ft. office build-out at 2001 Commerce Drive.

The Community Development Department is responsible for issuing permits and assuring compliance with the Village’s Building and Zoning Codes. Village residents or their contractors must obtain a building permit prior to beginning any project.

A permit is required for:
- New construction of any residential structure
- Attached or detached garages
- Residential additions
- Interior remodeling which involves any structural change or modification/addition to the plumbing or electric system
- Changes to an electrical system, including service upgrade
- HVAC Equipment, including new, replacement and additional units/equipment
- Alarm systems (Electrical permit required for Low voltage)
- Changes to the plumbing system
- Lawn Sprinkler/Irrigation Systems
- Replacing cabinets (with structural alterations)
- Porches and decks
- Portable Storage Units, PODS, Etc.
- Concrete or Flatwork (Including Steps, Porches, Patios) - call for verification of proposed work
- Swimming pools, hot tubs and spas
- Windows and Doors (if changing the size of the opening)
- Accessory structures including sheds, fences, dog runs, gates and entry monuments
- Permanent home generators
- Roofing of any existing structure
- Telecommunications equipment including antennae and satellite dishes
- Temporary uses such as tents and temporary signs
- New driveways

If you have any questions regarding this list or if your project falls under any of these categories, please contact the department at 630-368-5101.
The Oak Brook Sports Core is entering into the beautiful fall season. In addition to the upcoming Autumn Festival, here are a few of the opportunities that the Sports Core can offer you this season.

The Oak Brook Golf Club golf season will go as late as the fall weather permits. Fall golf is a beautiful thing at the Oak Brook Golf Club. Golf tee times can be made by calling 630-368-6400.

The Bath & Tennis Clubhouse is perfect for any gathering that calls for a special and private setting or a corporate meeting or seminar. Catering preparation can be left to one of our preferred caterers who are familiar with our set-up and offer a wide variety of menu selections, allowing you to enjoy hosting your event. Contact our Private & Corporate Events Department for available dates or monthly specials - Tammy Perri at tperri@oak-brook.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AUTUMN FESTIVAL!

This family event is scheduled on Sunday, September 25th at the Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club from noon to 5 p.m. This free family event is a wonderful way to spend a fall afternoon.

Activities offered will include: face painting, 8-wheel pony rides, cupcake decorating, balloon sculptures, pumpkin walk, disc jockey and others. Oak Brook police officers and firefighters will be on hand for you and the kids to meet.

Admission and parking are free for this event. We look forward to celebrating autumn with you at our unique festival!

Taste of Oak Brook RECAP

Thanks to some great food, fantastic music, and a little bit of cooperation from Mother Nature Oak Brook once again had a successful Taste of Oak Brook on July 3.

Restaurants including Anyway’s Pub, Gibson’s Bar & Steakhouse, India House Restaurant, Kama Indian Bistro, Kona Grill, Labriola Bakery & Café, Reza’s Restaurants, Grotto Italian Steakhouse, and Tuscany offered tasty food for the participants. Overall, food sales were 20% higher than last year.

Crowds flocked to see DJ Bang and all the bands – Stockwood, Sixteen Candles, Hi Infidelity and Frank Lamphere. And of course, there were lots of fun things for kids to do including face painting, meeting Ronald McDonald, pony rides, and balloon makers. Finally, the night was topped off with a spectacular fireworks show!

As always, we want to thank our main sponsor, McDonald’s, who served their tasty free fries. We also wish to thank the numerous other sponsors that supported our annual event: Allied Waste, CenterPoint Properties, Evergreen Bank Group, Holland & Knight, Inland Real Estate Group, MB Financial Bank, Mesirow Financial, Paramedic Services of Illinois, Oak Brook Park District, Republic Bank, Sysco, VISOgraphic and Zonta International.
Back to school holds a special meaning for people of all ages. At the Library it signifies the time set aside to celebrate the value of getting a library card. Join libraries across the country for Library Card Sign-Up Month. Getting a library card couldn’t possibly be easier. Simply bring in a photo ID and a proof of residency, such as a valid Illinois Driver’s License. A library card is your ticket to joining the millions of Americans that now turn to the library on a regular basis as their source for books, magazines, movies, music and informative programs.

Our patrons rely on the library for everything from finding a job to downloading a digital book. Others have found the library as a place of solitude where they can check their emails, find the latest DVD releases or just relax and enjoy the views of our gardens.

**Library Programs**

**SEPTEMBER**
- Tuesday, September 13 @ 7 pm
  Long Term Care Insurance
- Monday, September 19 @ 7 pm
  Warren Brown: Mark Twain: The Private History of a Campaign That Failed
- Wednesday, September 21 @ 2 pm
  OBPL Book Discussion
  The Immortal life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
- Wednesday, September 28 @ 2 pm
  Movie Matinee - TBA

**OCTOBER**
- Wednesday, October 12 @ 7:00 pm
  Easter Island Travel Program - Doug Dvorak
- Wednesday, October 19 @ 2 pm
  OBPL Book Discussion
  Little Bee by Chris Cleave
- Wednesday, October 26 @ 2 pm
  Movie Matinee - TBA

**NOVEMBER**
- Thursday November 3 @ 7:00 p.m.
  RJ Lindsey Living History Program:
  Stephen T. Mather, Founding Director NPS
- Sunday, November 6 @ 3:00 pm
  Dean Milano: Chicago Music Scene: 1960s and 1970s
- Wednesday, November 16 @ 2 pm
  OBPL Book Discussion
  Zeitoun by Dave Eggers
- Wednesday, November 30 @ 2 pm
  Movie Matinee - TBA
9/11 DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Join us for Autumn Festival!
SEPTEMBER 25 • NOON TO 5 PM • OAK BROOK BATH & TENNIS CLUB

2 PM
Memorial Ceremony
OAK BROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

2:30 PM
Emergency Preparedness Workshop
OAK BROOK PUBLIC LIBRARY