There will be a General Election on November 8, 2016, including the President of the United States. If you have recently moved, be sure to Register to Vote. Voter registration occurs from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Butler Government Center.

The last day for registration of voters or transfer of registration within the offices of the election authority, municipal/township clerks and deputy registrars is October 11, 2016, for the November 8, 2016 election. There will be a grace period from October 12 through November 7 to register and vote at the DuPage County Election Offices. Starting October 24th, there will be several Early Voting sites throughout DuPage County that will offer registration and early voting as well. You will also be able to register and vote at your local precinct on Election Day in DuPage County. Contact DuPage County Election Office at 630-407-5600 for their hours of operation and location.

Vote by mail and early voting at the Election Commission office begins on September 29, 2016. Early voting outside the Election Commission office will begin October 24 and end on November 7, 2016. Early Voting sites and information will be posted on the Village of Oak Brook website www.oak-brook.org as soon as that information is available.

In addition, please remember to check the Village of Oak Brook website (on the website, located under Government, Village Clerk’s Office, Elections) for polling places prior to Election Day to confirm the location where you should vote. Or, you may go the DuPage County Election Commission site www.dupageelections.com to find that information. On the first page, there is a section on the right-hand side “Voter Status Lookup” which will provide the information.
Dear Friends and Neighbors,

Where did summer go? As we enjoy the changing of the seasons, don’t forget to notice the vibrant colors of fall. So many times we get busy and forget to enjoy the view and the splendor of nature around us!

September begins a new school year and we are reminded that our school age residents will be going to/from schools and bus stops. Please drive cautiously to help keep our children safe!

I am happy to report that the Taste of Oak Brook was once again a great success and we were graced with an absolutely beautiful day! Many thanks to all of our sponsors, especially the McDonald’s Corporation, whose co-sponsorship of the Taste of Oak Brook and the fireworks display allows the Village to host this community event annually. The polo season was a great addition to the summer activities! Five dates held great matches and I was delighted to see so many in attendance.

As you know, we recently learned that McDonalds will be leaving Oak Brook sometime in the early part of 2018. They presently own over 150 acres of property within the Village. Some of that includes over 35 acres of open space but the remainder of their property encompasses their headquarters, university campus, and technology offices. All of these locations are prime areas for redevelopment, specifically the 80 acres next to our Village Hall.

What I can say to everyone is that we have been in contact with representatives from McDonalds. They are in the process of selecting a broker to put together a marketing plan of all their properties. As we have had a long-standing, great working relationship with McDonalds, we have been assured that they will be at the table with their broker when they meet with the Village to discuss future plans for their properties.

With that in mind, I have already combined the Streetscape and Commercial Revitalization Committees into the new Community Enhancement Committee. The makeup of this Committee not only consists of Village leadership but that of our commercial, office and retail stakeholders. The Committee held their first meeting on Monday, August 8th. The majority of the Village Board was in attendance. A great deal of information was discussed; from the past successes of the former Streetscape and Commercial Revitalization Committees to several projects that are in the process of being completed or approved at the state level.

The Committee had a robust discussion on what to focus on moving forward. They are in agreement with the Village Board and their recommendation to retain Houseal Lavigne Associates to update the Commercial Areas Revitalization Plan. Specifically, providing some insight as to what uses would be beneficial on the McDonald’s properties prior to their leaving the Village. I know the Board is very excited about the Committee’s role in working with our residents, the business community and our staff by improving the Village’s Streetscape Plan, the Village’s Commercial Revitalization Plan, and the Village’s Economic Development Program.

Finally, our Finance Director/Treasurer/Assistant Village Manager Sharon Dangles has accepted the position of Finance Director for the Homewood Flossmoor Park District. I would like to thank Sharon Dangles for her dedication and hard work she gave the Village over her eleven and a half year tenure and wish her well in her new endeavor. In the interim, Assistant Finance Director Jason Paprocki will be Acting Finance Director/Village Treasurer until a replacement is in place.

As always, the Trustees, the staff, and I are available to you at all times. We are here to serve you. Feel free to call, email or meet any of us if you have any thoughts, ideas or concerns.

Kind regards,

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Dear Friends and Residents:

It is hard to believe that another summer has passed us by. The Taste of Oak Brook was another huge success with over 15,000 people in attendance on a beautiful summer evening. The food, festivities and fireworks were all wonderful. I want to express my thanks to the Village staff for all their hard work to make this event successful.

Another one of our long-term employees has decided to pursue a new career change. Assistant Manager and Finance Director, Sharon Dangles, has resigned from the Village after eleven great years. She has taken the position of the Superintendent of Finance and Administration at the Homewood-Flossmoor Park District. This was an incredible opportunity for Sharon and she should be congratulated for moving on to another important step in her career. She has done a great deal to make Oak Brook a better community. During her time here, we have won countless financial awards for the work she and the Finance Department have produced. She will be missed by everyone. During the interim, I have promoted our Assistant Finance Director Jason Paprocki to the Acting Finance Director’s position. Jason will also be filling the role as Acting Village Treasurer.

Jason has a great deal of financial experience and will do a great job for the Village. Jason is a CPA with over 10 years of experience in finance and accounting, primarily in the municipal sector. He holds an MBA from Aurora University. He has served as an Audit Supervisor with Sikich, LLP for over 5 years, was a Senior Accountant with DeVry University, and came to us from the Village of Oak Park where he served as the Deputy Chief Financial Officer for 3 years. Jason understands our budget process and is very adept with the Munis system. I am excited that he will be filling this role on our management team and look forward to working very closely with him on our budget process.

The Village staff has begun to work on the 2017 Annual Budget. The public is invited to attend budget discussions which will be held in October and November. Since the Village is on a calendar year budget, the 2017 budget will be adopted at the December Village Board meeting.

July 3, 2016 was a beautiful day for the annual Taste of Oak Brook as the event was once again a tremendous success! This annual community event could not have been accomplished without the support of our dedicated sponsors. The Village would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the 2016 Taste of Oak Brook:

Sponsors
McDonald’s Corporation, Evergreen Bank Group, Republic Services, VisoGraphics, Inland Real Estate, Paramedic Services Inc., Hub Group, Christopher Burke Engineering, and Ancel, Glink, Diamond, Bush, DiCanni & Kraftthefer, P.C.

Guest Booths
Oak Brook Park District, Oak Brook Polo Club, and Hub Group

Restaurants
Gibsons Steakhouse
Kona Grill
Labriola Bakery & Café
McCormick & Schmicks Seafood & Steaks
Paul’s Pizza & Hot Dog Inc.
Pinstripes Bowling Bocce & Bistro
Real Urban Barbeque
Shree
Tuscany Oak Brook
Novi’s Beef
Well, it’s that time of year again to get back into the swing of things and the familiar routines of fall. Summer vacations are over, children are back to school, and football preseason has started. While summer is often a time for relaxation and recharge, the Police Department has been very busy. One of our major accomplishments has been preparing for and undergoing our on-site assessment by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, or CALEA. The Oak Brook Police Department is a nationally accredited police agency and every three years (moving to four for the future) we must go through the reaccreditation process and demonstrate that we do the things we say we do. All of our policies are examined to insure that we have met all of the standards set, and we must also supply proofs for each standard. This third party validation is a tremendous way to insure we are living up to our mission and values as well as providing the very best law enforcement services to the community. Now that we have gone through the on site assessment, we will attend the next national conference and testify in front of the Commission who will then make the final determination on our reaccreditation status. We will be sure to share with you the outcome later this year.

During the month of July the law enforcement community lost twelve officers to gunfire. Eight of these officers came in two instances, one in Dallas and the other in Baton Rouge just in a ten-day period. These losses affected police officers all over the country in a profound way. It has been very heartwarming however, of the many showings of support and affection for law enforcement throughout the area and especially in Oak Brook. Besides the cards, and gift baskets, and cookies dropped off at the police station, a mom and her children started the blue ribbon campaign to show support for the police and have been selling blue ribbons throughout the Village. The proceeds will go to COPS, Concerns of Police Survivors, that support the families of fallen officers all across the country. Due to the need for both police officers and the community to come together, we very quickly scheduled our own local memorial to the fallen officers. This event on July 26 was attended by about 150 officers and members of the community, both residents and business members. It was a wonderful morning and I cannot thank everyone enough for their support and taking the time to come out and be with us that day. Please keep all of law enforcement in your thoughts and prayers. We are working hard as a profession to break down barriers and open lines of communication with all segments of our community. In my role as President of the DuPage County Chiefs of Police Association, we are working with the recently formed DuPage Diversity Council and attended a recent event at Benedictine University to insure the kinds of misunderstanding and apprehension seen in other communities does not occur in DuPage County. We need everyone to partner with Law Enforcement to keep our communities safe and foster understanding.

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September 11th marks the 15th Anniversary of Patriot Day, a national day of observance and remembrance honoring those who either lost their lives or were injured during that tragic day in history. Please join the Village of Oak Brook’s Fire and Police Department, in a 9/11 Remembrance Ceremony on Sunday, September 11, 2016 beginning at 09:00 A.M. at Village Hall, 1200 Oak Brook Road.

Fire Prevention week officially kicks off on October 9-15, 2016. This year’s theme is: “Don’t Wait Check the Date! Replace Smoke Alarms Every 10 Years.” A good time to change the batteries and check your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors to ensure they are in working order is when Daylight Saving ends on November 6. Make fire prevention a high priority at home.

During the entire month of October, firefighters will be visiting schools and daycare centers to teach children how smoke alarms as well as firefighters protect people from fire and keep them safe. We will also be visiting businesses to make the public more aware of how fires start, how to prevent them, and how to use caution and protect themselves. Teaching fire prevention shouldn’t be limited to kids and the school and should be spread among adults.

Visit www.firepreventionweek.org for more fire safety information, or for fire safety quizzes, games, and activities for children please visit http://www.firesafetyforkids.org

Carbon Monoxide detectors save lives and are also required by law. All residents are required to have a working carbon monoxide detector installed within 15’ of every area within the home used for sleeping purposes. Due to a donation provided by First Alert and Ace Hardware Corporation, the Oak Brook Fire Department is able to offer carbon monoxide detectors free of charge to our residents, while supplies last. You can obtain a free detector (one per household) at our main fire station at 1200 Oak Brook Road between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Please call ahead at (630) 368-5200 to confirm availability.

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FIRE SAFETY TIPS FOR FALL

As the season changes and the leaves begin dropping from the trees, our weather begins to turn colder. Many individuals decide to spend more time inside their homes using fireplaces, furnaces and heaters to stay warm. It’s important to keep a few important fall safety tips in mind. With proper precautions and safety awareness, your family can enjoy that crisp autumn weather while avoiding some of the dangers that come with the season.

Service Your Furnace
Before the cold autumn and winter weather sets in, be sure to call your professionally qualified heating and cooling company to service your furnace. A specialist should inspect the furnace to make sure everything is in working order and that there are no leaks.

Use Fireplaces Safely
Keep that fire in its proper place by using a fireplace screen to keep sparks from flying out of the fireplace. Never leave a burning fire unattended, and make sure a fire in a fireplace is completely out before going to bed.

Use Caution with Space Heaters
A space heater can be an effective way to provide warmth, but it’s essential that you read and follow the manufacturer’s instructions provided with the unit before you use it. If your space heater requires venting, make sure you have vented it to the outdoors. Never use your stove or oven to heat your home; only use space heaters that are Underwriters Laboratory (UL) approved for this purpose. Always allow at least three feet of empty area around space heaters.

Exercise Candle Caution
Candles are a great way to give any room that warm glow, but they can also cause fires. According to the National Candle Association, almost 10,000 home fires start with improper candle use. Never leave candles burning if you go out or go to sleep, and keep your candles away from pets and kids.

Change Smoke Alarm Batteries
Change the batteries in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors when you turn back your clocks for Daylight Saving Time. Make sure to check the alarms with the new batteries installed. Check and replace any home fire extinguishers that have expired.
FALL DRIVING

There's nothing more beautiful than a fall drive, but the season brings some unique hazards for drivers. Being aware of these potential dangers can help keep you and your family safe and prevent accidents.

Be Aware of Poor Visibility
Falling leaves, while beautiful, can obscure your vision, as can rain and fog. Shorter days are part of the fall season, making it more difficult to see children playing or people walking and riding bicycles. Be aware of limitations in your visibility, and slow down if you can’t see well. Use your dimmed headlights in bad weather with decreased visibility. If possible, try not to be on the roads when it’s hard to see.

Watch for Children
Children love to play in piles of leaves, so use extra caution where leaves are piled at curbside. In addition, the school bus will be making its rounds now that school is back in session. In addition to educating children about back-to-school safety, it’s important to stay vigilant as a driver.

Slow Down on Wet Pavement
In many areas of the country, rain is common during the autumn. If it’s raining, keep a safe distance from the car in front of you. Wet roads make it more difficult to stop. When wet leaves are on roadways, they make the pavement slippery, and it can be difficult for drivers to get good traction.

Be Prepared for Bright Sunlight
While sunrise occurs later in the morning, it can also present challenges for drivers. Have a pair of sunglasses in the vehicle to wear when the sun is bright is a good strategy. If it becomes too difficult to see because of bright sunlight or glare, a good strategy is for the driver to pull over until he or she can see again.

Watch Out for Ice
As the temperatures drop further at night, a driver will need to spend some extra time in the morning scraping frost off his or her vehicle. Shady spots on the roadway may be home to black ice, which a driver may not be aware of until his or her car starts to skid on it.

AUTUMN HOME MAINTENANCE SAFETY TIPS

Fall is the time for yard clean-ups and readying your house for the cold winter ahead. Keep these safety tips in mind as you work.

Look Up Before Pruning Trees
If you have decided that your yard needs to be spruced up by trimming your trees, be sure to look up and survey the area carefully before you start. Make careful note of where power lines are located before you set up your ladder so that it is positioned away from them.

Use Caution on Ladders
Wearing appropriate footwear is important when using a ladder; shoes or boots may be wet, causing you to slip as you climb the ladder. The ladder should be positioned on a flat surface before use. Be sure that the tools you are using are specifically designed for this purpose and are in good condition before starting work.

Clean up Fallen Leaves
Keep your driveway and walkway clear of falling leaves. Wet leaves can create a hazard for pedestrians in the fall by making sidewalks slippery. Later in the season, snow may mix with leaves to increase the risk of falling. Homeowners should mulch or rake up fallen leaves and dispose of them according to local bylaws.

SAFELY ENJOY THE BEAUTY OF THE SEASON

By keeping these important fall safety tips in mind, you can be sure you are doing everything you can to protect yourself and your family from seasonal dangers. This will leave your mind free to enjoy the beauty of this glorious season.
Development Services

BY ROBERT KALLIEN

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

Oakbrook Center Theater Project – Construction on the 12 screen cinema, 300 space parking deck and space for three (3) formal restaurants and an eight (8) vendor food hall is proceeding as planned. The Cinema should be complete and ready for occupancy by the end of October 2016. The restaurants and food hall elements should be on-line by December 1st.

Duchossois HQ Building – Construction of the building and all site work is in final stages. Occupancy is now expected in November 2016.

Rush Medical Center – The 103,000 sq.ft. medical office/surgery center was approved by the Village in January 2016. The project is now going before the State of Illinois Facilities Licensing Board. Construction is expected to begin by April 2017.

Gibsons Restaurant – Permits have been issued for an 8200 sq.ft. addition to Gibsons which is located on Commerce Drive. This addition will increase the space available for banquets and special events and will provide approximately 70 additional valet parking spaces directly adjacent to the building.

Hyatt House Hotel – A 144 room Hyatt House Hotel and separate 4500 sq.ft. restaurant were approved by the Village Board in January 2016. Building permits for the Hotel have been issued. The owner/developer for the project reports that most who are interested in the restaurant site want to see the work on the hotel complete and open to the public before committing to the location.

Ryan Company Development – Announced the acquisition of the now vacant 185,000 sq.ft. office/warehouse building at 2000 York Road. Demolition of the existing building is anticipated. Plans are now being formulated that could include one or more future multi-story Class A Office buildings and structured parking on the site.

Executive Plaza (Oak Brook 22) – The Cornerstone Restaurant Group has announced that a Michael Jordan’s Restaurant will be coming to a vacant space located at 1225 22nd Street. A mid-2017 opening is expected.

Clearwater – The new owners of Clearwater (Lincoln Properties Group) are moving forward with a number of initiatives with the goal of improving the project and getting it fully developed. The Village Board will be reviewing at their September meeting requests to amend their existing special use and variation to add 123 parking spaces and new landscaping to the site.

2100 Swift Road – Work is now underway on a complete renovation/update of the existing office building and parking structure.

Drake Hotel – Ownership for the property is proposing a number of site improvements including the possible construction of a new luxury condominium building. An introductory presentation before the Village Board will take place on August 9th. Once that meeting takes place, the formal submittal of a planned development application could be forthcoming sometime in the fall of 2016.

Friendly Reminder – If you are contemplating any construction work in your home or on your property, please obtain all required permits from Development Services before you begin work. Permit applications and instructions can be obtained on the Department’s web page found at www.oak-brook.org or can be obtained at our Department’s customer service counter located in the Village Hall. If you are unsure if your work requires a building permit, contact our Department at 368-5101. Also, please make sure to get prior approval from your Homeowners Association (if applicable).

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DOCUMENT IMAGING SYSTEM COST SAVINGS

The Village of Oak Brook was one of the first communities in the area to implement a document imaging and management system in 2000. The original system focused primarily on documents generated within the Village Clerk’s office. Over the past two years, the Village has expanded the system to include every Village department as we continue to look for ways to save money and improve efficiencies.

Village staff must keep track of millions of documents. Many of them are still in paper form filling filing cabinets and storage rooms. The space needed to store them and staff to manage and retrieve them is costly without contributing to service delivery.

Our document imaging project plan has two primary goals:

- First, we are changing the culture of printing and copying documents to file manually. We are implementing workflows for all new documents we receive and process to allow Village staff to process these documents electronically from their desktop, eliminating the need for costly printing and filing.

- Second, we are focusing on the millions of pages of historical paper documents that the Village is required to store. In 2014, we implemented a program to assign staff to work specifically on reducing the amount of “physical” paper files we maintain by reducing the physical space dedicated to these files. We have hundreds of feet of office space dedicated to physical file storage that can be eliminated and/or used for more productive purposes.

The overall goals of the document imaging system is to: reduce filing space, provide easy access to documents, and provide for secure and reliable storage of information. This project is an example of how the Village is using technology to maximize internal efficiencies and generating cost savings by integrating people and automating their manual processes.

Matt Allen followed the path of older brothers Jack and Brian in winning state high school wrestling championships and heading to Michigan State University to play college football.

Now, the 2016 Hinsdale Central graduate has followed the older footsteps of his father, John, and uncle, Jim Zajicek.

Allen is the boy winner of the 2016 Oak Brook Athlete of the Year Award, the same honor given to his father in 1976 and again in 1980, and to his uncle in 1989, both as Central student-athletes.

“It’s a pretty great honor,” said Allen, who already has been honored as an all-state wrestler and football player. “It kind of means a lot to me, especially with my dad and uncle having won it before.”

The father of the girl winner for 2016 — Alyssa Sclafani — played a key role in her becoming a four-time all-state softball player and the starting catcher for this year’s Class 3A State champ, “I played baseball before I started softball, and my dad got me into baseball,” said Sclafani, who is headed in the fall to Loyola University to continue playing softball and study environmental science. “I played baseball in the Oak Brook Little League and continued with baseball until seventh grade.”

The Oak Brook Athlete of the Year Award was started by Oak Brook founder Paul Butler in 1974. Nominations are sought for outstanding senior athletes each year from nine public and private high schools serving Oak Brook residents.

Winners have attended Hinsdale Central, York, Downers North, Willowbrook, Benet, Montini, Timothy Christian, Immaculate Conception and Fenwick high schools.

The names of each winner are engraved on a trophy that is on permanent display at the Oak Brook Park District Family Recreation Center. Each winner receives a certificate.

“It’s nice to be recognized with all the other athletes who won in the past,” Sclafani said. “I like representing Oak Brook and Montini.”

Allen agreed that it will be nice to have his name permanently displayed on the Athlete of the Year Award trophy.

“I go to the Oak Brook Park District sometimes and have seen the display,” he said. “It’s pretty cool they can point out some of the people who grew up in town and had some success.”

Jeffrey Marek of Benet Academy was the only other boy nominated this year. The other girl nominees were Lysandra Bankston and Kaylin Kenny, York; Alyse Dutcher, Downers Grove North; Catherine Klostermann, Nazareth; Hannah Bosman, Timothy Christian; and Giana Scarpiniti, Hinsdale Central.
Jeanette Andrews: Magic
Saturday, October 15 @ 2 pm
Jeanette Andrews has developed an entirely new and thought-provoking take on the art of the impossible. In this performance Jeanette will present a distinctive blend of magic and illusions, inspired by ideas about the importance of perception. Registration is requested; please call (630) 368-7725.

NOVEMBER
Young Kim Presents Musicians from the University of Illinois
Sunday, November 6 @ 3 pm
Join violinist Seul Lee, baritone JinUk Lee, and pianist Young Whun Kim for an afternoon of classical music featuring pieces from Franck, Mussorgsky, Schubert, and Giordani. Registration is required; please call (630) 368-7725. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Chicago On Fire
Saturday, November 12 @ 2 pm
William Pack will tell the story of the Great Chicago Fire in narrative fashion, discussing what led to the fire and how it changed Chicago forever. Registration is requested; please call (630) 368-7725. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Classical Concert: Hariman & Hagen
Sunday, November 13 @ 2 pm
One hour performance by local resident Dr. Robert Hariman on violin, accompanied by pianist Nancy Hagen performing classical music. Registration is required. Please call (630) 368-7725.

DECEMBER
Holiday Tunes: Robyn Vitson
Saturday, December 3 @ 1 pm
Join Robyn Vitson for a medley of holiday songs sure to delight the hearts of all ages. Registration is requested; please call (630) 368-7725. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

The Whizbangs of Oohs and Ahs: Those Magnificent Traveling Salespeople of Illinois
Saturday, December 10 @ 2 pm
Ron Solberg, the author of several books on the topic, will recount the amazing stories of our traveling salesmen and saleswomen. Registration is requested; please call (630) 368-7725. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.
FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

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Pine Cone Ornaments
Sunday, December 11 @ 2 pm
Let Amanda Marolf provide you with some new ideas about holiday decorations. This craft turns pinecones into cute ornaments that you can hang from your tree, your door, or anywhere that needs a little holiday spirit. All materials provided. Registration is required; please call (630) 368-7725.

Young Artists Workshop: Watercolor Wonderland
Saturday, December 17 @ 1 pm
Terri Murphy conducts this workshop for ages 8-13. Young artists will use liquid concentrate watercolors, salt, and a wax-resist technique to create a sparking winter scene. Space is limited. Registration is required; please call (630) 368-7733. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

BY JASON PAPROCKI

Budgeting for the Future

The Village’s budget is a management plan that details how valuable resources will be allocated to address community priorities and organizational objectives for the Village of Oak Brook. The Village of Oak Brook’s process is underway for developing its budget for the next fiscal year (January 1 – December 31, 2017).

1. Board discussion took place at the August 9th Village Board meeting to discuss the 2017 strategic plan to guide the annual budget process.
2. The 2017 budget process begins with the department directors submitting their funding requests to the Village Manager and Finance Director by September.
3. The 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. Copies of the finalized draft budget will be posted online and available for viewing at the Village Hall and Library in late October.
4. The Village Board will hold budget workshop meetings in November to discuss the 2017 proposed budget. Residents are invited to attend these meetings.
5. At the December 13th regularly scheduled Village Board meeting, a public hearing will take place regarding the 2017 Budget. Residents may participate in the public hearing.
6. Given the outcome of the public hearing, the adoption of the final budget may occur during the same Board meeting.

GET INVOLVED

The budget is an ongoing process combining citizen input, Village Board vision and direction, and staff recommendations to meet community needs. The Village of Oak Brook is required by law to adopt a balanced budget that is open to citizen input and participation. Each resident can have a voice in deciding what the budget will be spent on and how it will be paid for before it is adopted.

Budget comments and suggestions may be submitted in a number of ways:

• Email Village Manager, Rick Ginex, rginex@oak-brook.org
• Reach out to the Village President and Board of Trustees
• Attend a Village Board meeting (second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7 p.m., 1200 Oak Brook Rd.) and speak during the Public Comment portion.
• Attend a Budget Workshop held during November, 1200 Oak Brook Rd.

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The Village of Oak Brook has contracted with Republic Services to provide refuse, recycling and yard waste collection. While not all inclusive, this guide is designed to provide information on the Oak Brook residential waste collection and recycling program. Please feel free to contact either Republic Services or the village if you need additional information.

The Village of Oak Brook program is designed to be flexible and convenient. You can choose between weekly or twice weekly refuse collection either at the curb or a backdoor location. These options allow you to select the type of service that best meets your household’s needs and budget.

GUIDELINES
There is no limit to the number of items that may be put out for collection, however the following rules apply:

• Items must be placed out at the designated pick-up location by 6 a.m. on the scheduled collection day. Items may be placed at the curb no earlier than 6 p.m. the day before collection. Empty containers should be removed from the curb no later than 6 a.m. the day following collection.
• All recycling, yard waste, and large items are collected at the curb.

COLLECTION SCHEDULE
Collection will take place on Monday, with optional refuse collection by subscription on Thursday. Recycling and yard waste are collected on Monday only.

The following holidays are observed by Republic Services:
• New Year’s Day
• Memorial Day
• Independence Day
• Labor Day
• Thanksgiving Day
• Christmas Day

When one of these holidays falls on or before your normal service day, collection is delayed one day, during that week. Other holidays do not affect the service schedule.

SERVICE PLAN OPTIONS
Oak Brook residents can choose a service plan that’s right for their household. Four service plan options are available. A recycling cart is included as part of all service plans. To make service convenient, refuse carts are available. Customers are billed quarterly by Republic Services. Automatic payment options are available at republiconline.com.

Please note that all recycling, yard waste and large household items are collected from the curb.

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COLLECTION GUIDELINES

WASTE
Waste can be set out for collection in a garbage can, plastic bag or Republic Services refuse cart. Bags and cans must not exceed 33 gallons in volume or 50 pounds in weight. Please check the container size before purchasing a garbage can; oversize containers will not be collected.

YARD WASTE
Yard waste will be collected from the curb from April through November. In order to be collected, a yard waste sticker must be attached to each container or bundle. Yard waste may be placed in a designated garbage can, biodegradable paper bag or bundle. Garbage cans and bags must not exceed 33 gallons in volume or 50 pounds in weight. If used for yard waste, garbage cans should be clearly marked “Yard Waste.” Decals are available at Village Hall. Yard waste carts are also available on a subscription basis.

Brush and tree branches may not exceed 4 feet in length and 3 inches in diameter and must be bundled together with jute twine or uncoated string. Bundles must not exceed 2 feet in diameter, 4 feet in length or 50 pounds in weight.

VILLAGE LEAF COLLECTION
The Village of Oak Brook schedules the collection of leaves from the curb in the fall beginning in late October. Information is mailed to residents in early October explaining the leaf removal program and schedule. Detailed information on the curbside leaf collection program can be found at www.oak-brook.org.

CHRISTMAS TREE COLLECTION
Free Christmas Tree collection is offered during the first two full weeks of January on the regular service day. Trees must be free of tinsel and ornaments and should not be placed in bags.

ELECTRONIC WASTE
Electronic items such as televisions, computers, monitors, printers and computer and cable peripherals are banned from landfill disposal. These items must be recycled. For information on options for recycling these items, please contact the Village at (630) 990-3000 or Republic Services at (708) 345-7050. For more information on drop off locations, please visit www.Earth911.com (“recycle search” tab).

LARGE HOUSEHOLD ITEMS AND APPLIANCES
Most large household items and appliances that do not fit in a refuse container may be placed at the curb for pickup. Bulk items include chairs, tables and mattresses and other pieces of furniture that can be loaded safely; large items include refrigerators, stoves and water heaters. Rolls of carpeting and small amounts of construction debris may be set out for collection provided that they are securely tied in bundles not exceeding 2 feet in diameter, 4 feet in length or 50 pounds in weight. More than two cubic yards of carpeting or other construction debris will require a special pickup. Please call Republic Services at (708) 345-7050 if you have any questions. Due to handling requirements, electronic items are excluded from curbside collection.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE
Flammable, toxic, corrosive or reactive products cannot be included with regular refuse for disposal. Materials such as oil-based paint, pesticides, poisons, cleaning solvents, gasoline, motor oil and other automotive fluids are considered Household Hazardous Waste. The State of Illinois sponsors several collection facilities that accept these materials at no charge. For information on options for disposal of these items, please contact DuPage County’s Environmental Division at (630) 407-6700 or visit www.dupageco.org/waste/.

SPECIAL PICKUP AND TEMPORARY CONTAINERS
If you have a large amount of refuse, Republic Services offers temporary containers or a special pickup. Arrangements must be made at least 24 hours in advance. Republic Services will quote a price for a temporary large container or special pickup based on the volume to be removed. Call Republic Services for details at (708) 345-7050.

RECYCLING
In support of the Village’s goal of environmental sustainability, residents are encouraged to reduce their waste by taking advantage of the recycling program. Recycling is collected at the curb. Republic Services furnishes each household a recycling cart as part of their service plan. Recycling does not need to be separated. All approved recyclables can be mixed together. Please rinse all cans and bottles and flatten all boxes. Please note the guidelines on acceptable and unacceptable items. If unacceptable materials are present, the cart may be left. For information on how to recycle items not included in the curbside program, please visit www.earth911.com or www.dupageco.org/recycling/.

PAPER
YES: Mixed paper such as advertisements, directmail, office paper, stationery, envelopes, paperbags, giftwrap, Magazines, newspaper, catalogs and telephone books
NO: Disposable diapers or rags, soiled items such as pizza boxes, napkins and tissues

PLASTIC
YES: Plastic bottles and containers coded #1 through #5 and #7. Six- and 12-pack rings
NO: Plastic bags and film, Styrofoam packing peanuts or other items coded #6, plastic take-out containers, cups, plates, or utensils, electronic items, printer or toner cartridges, insecticide and hazardous chemical containers, and toys

CARTONS
YES: Cardboard and boxboard, soda and beer carrying cases, milk and juice cartons

METAL
YES: Aluminum cans and foil, tin and steel cans including empty aerosol cans
NO: Needles or syringes

GLASS
YES: Clear, green and brown glass bottles and jars
NO: Window glass and mirrors, compact fluorescent and other light bulbs, ceramics

UNACCEPTABLE ITEMS
NO: Tires, engine parts, auto body or interior parts, motor oil, paint, car batteries, antifreeze or liquids of any kind, garbage and food waste, wood pallets or construction lumber, yard waste such as grass clippings, leaves, and tree or plant branches

ESTABLISHING SERVICE
In addition to weekly curbside collection, refuse carts and three optional service plans are available. Twice-weekly (Monday and Thursday) refuse and back door refuse service are available as an alternative to standard curbside service. Please note that all recycling, yard waste and large items are collected at the curb. To establish service, contact Republic Services by email at newtoter@republicservices.com or by phone at (708) 345-7050. Customers are billed by Republic Services on a quarterly basis.

YARD WASTE DISPOSALstickers
One sticker should be affixed to each yard waste bag or garbage can placed at the curb. If a garbage can is used, please loop stickers through the handle of the can. Stickers must also be attached to each bundle of yard waste. Containers larger than 33 gallons will not be emptied as they pose a safety risk to workers; yard waste carts are available on a subscription basis if you regularly need yard waste collection.

LOCATIONS
Please be sure to specify Oak Brook yard waste stickers when purchasing from these locations:

Jewel Food | 4 E. Ogden Ave., Westmont
Jewel Food | 944 York Rd., Elmhurst
Village Hall | 1200 Oak Brook Rd, Oak Brook

What’s New: Easy Online Management
Republic Services’ new account management tool allows you to pay bills, report a missed pickup, order container repairs and request additional services through your smartphone or computer. My Resource TM can be accessed on the web at www.republiconline.com or by downloading the My Resource app at the App Store or Google play.
As the seasons change and the weather starts to cool, Public Works is preparing for fall and winter activities. Leaf pickup season will soon be upon us, followed by snow. Staff has begun to service our leaf equipment and prepare plow trucks for snow. I know that with warm weather it sounds and feels too early to mention snow, but with quick changing seasons we need to have our plow equipment ready to go at the drop of a snowflake. Before we get into winter, let’s slow down and discuss autumn leaf pickup.

We recommend you mulch your leaves and return this beneficial material back to your lawn or landscape. If you are going to utilize the Village’s leaf pickup, please follow the Autumn Leaf Schedule on the right. If you employ a landscape contractor, please schedule their leaf clean up with our scheduled pickup dates. The leaf pickup equipment we utilize has a large vacuum unit which picks up leaves on the right side (the passenger side of the unit). The vacuum equipment works best with the pickup straight out to the side, any leaf piles placed in the street limits our ability to efficiently pick up leaves because our trucks must drive on the opposite side of the road into oncoming traffic lanes. This is only one reason it’s important for leaves to be placed behind the curb and not in the street. Secondly, when leaves are placed in the street, and if it rains, leaves can block street drains and cause streets/yards to flood. Most importantly, when leaves are placed on the street pavement, leaf piles can cause a dangerous situation for pedestrians and vehicles. Where leaves are piled on both sides of the street, the street may become impassable for one vehicle. In order to have an efficient, effective, and safe leaf pickup program, we need your cooperation in adhering to the following procedures.

- **DO NOT** pile leaves on the street, leaves are to be placed behind the curb or at the edge of the pavement.
- **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 the pile. **NO** shrub clippings, sticks or other debris are permitted as these other materials will clog our equipment.
- Please place your leaves a day or two prior to the scheduled pick up dates. Any leaves placed afterwards will not be collected until the next scheduled pickup date.

Below is the 2016 Autumn Leaf Schedule. Inquiries regarding the leaf pick up program and schedule may be directed to the Public Works Department at (630) 368-5270. A map depicting the pickup areas and schedule dates is also available on the Village website (www.oak-brook.org).

Fall is also a good time to schedule preventive maintenance around your house. Cleaning your gutters, downspouts, and yard drains of leaves and debris will avoid water damage during the winter freeze/thaw cycles. Your home heating system and filters should also be cleaned and checked; irrigation systems should be serviced and winterized.

### PICKUP SCHEDULE

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dpatchin@oak-brook.org
As we look to the end of summer, our eyes will be on the warm days and cool nights of fall. Many golfers at Oak Brook Golf say they love the fall to play golf. Please keep Oak Brook golf course in mind, whether it’s nine holes, couples night out or a foursome of friends to play 18. We also have the Freeman Cup and lastly the Raniur Open (formerly the turkey shoot) that is held in November. Stop in and sign up.

As I write this, we will be finishing up our ever so popular Junior program that over 80 kids participated in. Fun was had by all as they learned the game of golf.

To round out July, local golfers hit the links at our Oak Brook Golf Club on July 30th and July 31st to determine our club champions. Tom Arduino won the Open Division. The remaining men’s winners are: A Flight – Frank Scarpiniti, B Flight – Ray Manz, C Flight – Dan Kramer, Senior Champion – Ernie Davis, Super Senior Champion – Ray Manz and Senior Net Champion – Remesh Melvani. Congratulations to the winners and thank you to everyone who participated. Special thank you to Head Pro Jeff Kawucha and Assistant Pro Claudine Boettger for putting on a great tournament.

If it’s not sports that you like, there are many miles of walking paths and bike paths to enjoy the colors of autumn here at the Sports Core.
Bath & Tennis Clubhouse

Think of us for your next special event.