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## **Oak Brook Issues Declaration of Emergency**

**Oak Brook, Illinois – April 18, 2013** – This afternoon Acting Village President Gerald Wolin signed an emergency declaration following the severe weather and flooding that has impacted Oak Brook.

“Oak Brook received more than 6.75 inches of rain in the last 24 hours. The flood waters are a real concern for residents’ homes and businesses, in addition to some of the roadways remaining impassible. The cleanup effort will take time, which is why I have signed an emergency declaration that provides quicker access to emergency resources to help,” said Wolin.

The emergency declaration allows the Village to forgo normal business practices to quickly access emergency resources such as generators, pump systems and sandbags. It also allows the Village of Oak Brook to reassign employees to various flood response and recovery operations.

Assistant Village Manager Blaine Wing said, “Staff will continue to assist residents and business during the flooding and will transition to damage assessment and cleanup as soon as the water resides.”

Everyone is encouraged to visit [www.oak-brook.org](http://www.oak-brook.org) and [www.protectdupage.org](http://www.protectdupage.org) for additional information and resources.

### **About Oak Brook:**

Founded in 1958, the Village of Oak Brook is located 15 miles west of downtown Chicago and is in proximity to the junction of Interstates 88, 294, and 290. The Village consists mostly of residential subdivisions, with the exception of the Oak Brook Center shopping mall, other retail and office properties along 22nd Street and Interstate 88. Oak Brook is the home of many corporate offices, most notably, the world headquarters of McDonald’s Corporation, Ace Hardware, Tree House Foods, Inland Real Estate and the service club organization Lions Clubs International. Oak Brook is also known for being one of the few municipalities in the Chicago area that does not levy a property tax on residents or businesses. To learn more about Oak Brook, please visit <http://www.oak-brook.org>.

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