

The OBC Post



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The Oak Brook Club

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Security Committee News

By Security Chairman

Our gated community, guarded and controlled by the officers stationed in the gatehouse and the after-hour roving patrol, is the face of the Oak Brook Club.

Along with keeping unwanted visitors out of our complex, the guards always offer a friendly wave and oversee package deliveries.

The roving patrol shift is involved in approximately 40% of the incidents that occur at our Club, and it is a nice feeling to see them in the halls, garage or patrolling the grounds when you come home late at night.

Last year, Oak Brook Police Chief Sheehan was willing to come and speak before our Board to stress how important our guards have been in assisting emergency vehicles. They also assist in false alarm activations, noise complaints, door checks and lock-outs.

Our roving patrol also gets involved in various maintenance needs when our workers are not on duty. A simple thing like wiping the condensation off an electric eye lens that controls the garage doors prevents them from staying open all night, wasting a lot of heat when the weather turns cold.

It seemed this past winter had many weekend nights that required someone to spread salt when the walkways covered with ice and light snow. The roving patrol was there to assist.

Some years ago a questionnaire was sent out to the unit owners asking them what they considered to be the main advantages to living at the Oak Brook Club. They were allowed to vote for more than one choice. The response from 218 resulted in Security getting 153 votes, almost 100 votes more than the second choice.

The Pool's Pool

By Susan Collins

Sometime in the early 70s after Club West and the Clubhouse were built, our pool was installed. Not the pool you see now, but the first one, the one that was somewhat bigger and a whole lot deeper. Twelve feet at the deep end and a diving board too.

When Mark arrived here in 1989, his first most significant job was to figure out what to do about the pool. When the water level was high, the pool leaked into the ponds; when the level was low, the ponds leaked into the pool. An engineering firm suggested injecting a urethane type of material to waterproof the outdoor shell of the pool. Helping Mark overlook this project was Tom Bryne, an engineer in Club 6. A test corner was coated. Compressed air was pushed under the pool. To astonished eyes, the whole pool started bubbling as in bubble, bubble, toil and trouble. The one little test corner became insignificant. Tom and Mark walked away.

The solution? Drop a pool inside a pool! The 12' end was filled with stone; 16-18" was dug around the perimeter; a layer of gravel added; frames for the concrete built; sump pump added so water drainage wouldn't pop the pool out of the ground; concrete poured, dried and painted. By 1991, we had our second pool ready for the season.

As foretold by Mark, the pool opened on the promised day. It was open for one day. No one had thought to put sand in the paint and the flooring of the pool was too slippery for safety. So it was drained, painted and refilled. It was a false start to what turned out very well in the end.

OAK BROOK CLUB EVENTS

MOVIE NIGHT

1st Wednesday of the month
@ 6:30 pm - **August 5** Bamboo Room
Call Bev Lenell by **August 4**
at 630.279.7123 if you plan to attend.

BRIDGE

ALL MONDAYS @ 12:30 pm
Call Alice Harley - 630.279.1839

MAH JONGG

Thursdays @ 7:00pm and Fridays at 1:00pm
in the **Bamboo Room**
Call Carol Neimark 630.941.7271

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 am - **August 11**
Every 4th Friday @ 2:00 pm - **August 28**
Bamboo Room



WATER AEROBICS

Monday, Wed., Friday @ 10:00 - 11:00 am
\$3.00 per session
Call Barbara Latini at 630.833.5425

UWC Upcoming Events

August 26 Afternoon Tea and Savories

Tea and savories for all OB ladies at 2:00 pm

September 23 Pendleton Fashion Show & Luncheon

Featuring Pendleton fashions on our own models, highlighting shops from the Promenade. For Members Only!

October 23 Magic Show

A "now you see it, now you don't" program with magician Magic Dave! Dinner plus entertainment.

LOST AND FOUND

Do you think you may have lost something on the Grounds? The office keeps a lost and found box. Call if you think there's a chance your item might be in that box.

OBC Post Staff: Susan Collins, Malcolm Campbell, Al Ciciora, Eleanor Fralick, Carol Neimark, Betsy Schumacher and Juanita Swatos.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Landscape and Garden Show

August 1 - August 9
See the various displays throughout the shops and garden at the Oak Brook Center.
Times of the event are
10 am - 9 pm Monday - Saturday
11 am - 6 pm on Sunday.

Summer Palooza

Friday & Saturday, August 14 & 15
At the Oak Brook Park District. Activities, crafts, and entertainment. Visit www.obparks.org or call 630.645.9590

Oak Brook Art League

Members Exhibit
Peabody Mansion
August 15 - September 11
For information, call Pat Roach, 630.651.1987

Bridge Lessons

To begin in September at the Hinsdale Community Center, 415 W. 8th Street. Call 630.323.7500 or Carol Lebarge (bridge teacher) at 630.833.6564.

The Ice Cream Social

by Betsy Schumacher

The UWC hosted another outstanding party with this event, in spite of a hitch or two or three. How about the caterer's driver who was late, late, late with the homemade root beer for the Brown Cow's? It delighted the 75 of us who had looked forward to that wonderful treat when he did finally appear. Another hitch was the missing questions to the candy game answers. They were not to be found. Who was the genius who created the questions on the spot?

Centerpieces were the results of Sandy Boggess' amazing creativity. The numerous types of ice cream were silky smooth with several toppings available. The hostess, Kathy Iaccino, and her team worked and scrambled (due to the hitches) pulling off a fun and yummy evening. We thank you.

The final hitch though was when Kathy got home, her little toe killing her, blood vessel growing, only to discover that she had on mismatched shoes (which no one had noticed). It was her grandson's sandal and not hers. She is recovering.

Finance Committee Update

by Michael Maenza

The Finance Management Committee this year has made two very important decisions concerning the management of the Oak Brook Club investments. As you many have guessed, the current financial situation has kept us busy.

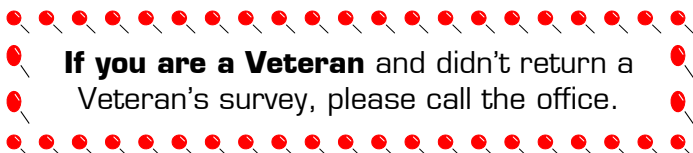
The first decision we made was to move all of our capital to government backed securities. Because of this decision, our building and CAT reserve funds are now mainly in certificates of deposits.

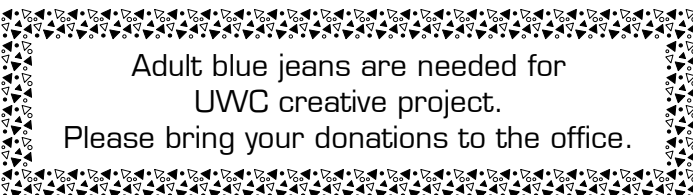
We also reviewed the Property Casualty Insurance for the Oak Brook Club. This includes the Workmen’s Compensation Insurance. We received four proposals this year. If you’ve ever tried to determine the difference between two competing car insurance policies, you can imagine how complicated and technical a large policy like this is. We feel confident that we’ve made the best recommendations and that we’re all protected as well as possible. Of course, we all hope we never need to use it!

Pool Deck Update

By Mark Burke

The pool deck replacement issue just got a little more complex. After hiring a structural engineering firm, Raths, Raths & Johnson to study the current pool deck and prepare bid specifications, five contractors were asked to bid on the project. Even the lowest bid provided “sticker shock.” What are the options? Presently, management is working with Raths, Raths & Johnson to determine ways to reduce the cost without jeopardizing the end product. Together they are also considering alternative repair methods to salvage the current deck. At this point, the deck renovation is still on the table to start this fall.

 **If you are a Veteran** and didn't return a Veteran's survey, please call the office.

 Adult blue jeans are needed for UWC creative project. Please bring your donations to the office.

Your Management Office Services

Our Management Office Team is here to help you. Here are some of the ways:

1. Displays updates on projects and social events at the Club on the OBC TV channels (19 with no cable box; 93 with standard cable box).
2. Posts information on oakbrookclub.com, including CAT and Club Boards meeting minutes, lists of Committees/Boards and their job descriptions and members, Club Declarations, contact information, UWC information, and copies of the OBC Post.
3. Encourages you to give the office a copy of your unit key in case of an emergency (eg. water break while you are away) or if you lock yourself out of your unit. If the latter happens over the weekend, contact the gatehouse personnel who will get you help.
4. Maintains referrals for services such as plumbers, electricians, construction work, home care, etc.
5. Helps you contact maintenance staff for after-hours work in your condo on a pay-for-service basis, to be worked out by the unit owner and the maintenance employee. Please use the OBC website at www.oakbrookclub.com → Forms → Work Order Resident Request. The office will determine which orders are for after hours.
6. For a small fee, supplies a new building key, garage card, or remote garage door opener.
7. Makes copies for you (\$.10/page), sends faxes (\$1.00/page) and receives faxes (no charge).
8. Notarizes documents. Call to set up an appointment at no charge with Mark, a notary, should you need this service.
9. Answers questions or problems regarding your security alarm.
10. Supplies information on fees with ChemWise Pest Control, who contracts with us, in case of problems with pests (ants, spiders, etc.)

Elevator Update

by Jerry Wolin

I am pleased to report that Governor Quinn has now signed Senate Bill 149. This bill was very important to those of us that live in elevator buildings outside of Chicago. Without this bill, we would be required to make expensive elevator upgrades that would not be required if we lived in Chicago.

Now that Senate Bill 149 has been passed, the most expensive upgrades (double bottom cylinder and fire recall) do not have to be made until such time as major alterations are made to the elevators. Originally, these were required on all elevators by 2011.

There are some less expensive upgrades that will be required by 2015. Originally, these upgrades were required by January 1, 2009.

Once again, our lobbying efforts have paid off. My thanks to all of you who have taken the time to contact our State Representatives and Senators to get this important legislation passed.

**A Friendly Reminder to Dog Owners
From a Fellow Dog Owner**

This is just a gentle reminder to all of my fellow dog owners that we are responsible for curbing our pooches and to clean up after them if they cannot make it to one of the four dog runs at the Oak Brook Club. I'm sure we've all seen increased evidence of our four-legged friends leaving "poop" around the grounds. We are expected to clean up these little accidents and properly dispose of Fido's droppings.

For newcomers who have dogs, you can find four dog runs on our property. One is located behind Club West; one is located next to the pond between Club Six and Club Five; one is located between the garage entrances to Clubs Four and Five, and one along the walking path behind Club Four. During the winter months, the only dog run available is the one between the garages of Clubs Four and Five.

Parking Space for Rent

One parking space in Club West for rent.
Call 630.782.5527.

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