



Drilling 10' down into the muck



Looking down a future pier



Concrete gets pumped up and over



Guiding the pump tube

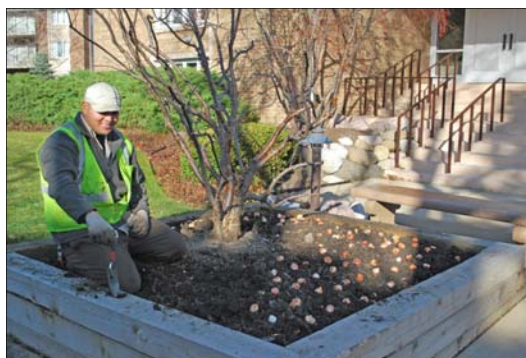
Getting Ready for Winter



Lupe



Above: Jose hanging holiday lights  
Below: Tulip planting



Above: Draining irrigation pipes  
Below: Flushing irrigation pipes



(2009 In Review, 2010 In Focus cont.)

Management and the Finance Committee worked diligently to hold the 2010 C.A.T. Budget to a ZERO percent increase – as the Building Boards did on their individual budgets. Some line items are being reduced; a few are increased; but the C.A.T. and all five Buildings have achieved the targeted zero percent increase. All involved understand that these budgets are very tight, but feel that we can live within them, without sacrificing the quality of the OBClub.

**Other Good Stuff:** While not financial projects, there are good prospects for a couple other improvements in 2010. First, we appear to be on-track to finally have the OBClub rezoned as “condominium”, instead of 2-acre single-family residences; as we did this Fall, we’ll probably have to make a good show of force at several meetings of Village boards and commissions. Second, there is a chance that DuPage County will return our polling place to our Clubhouse beginning with the February Primary; thanks to the good and persistent efforts of Malcolm Campbell and others who have assisted in that effort.

**Appreciation:** Finally, it’s time to again express appreciation for all of the OBClub residents who serve us so well and faithfully on our many boards and committees. Without their commitment and dedication, the OBClub could not be the excellent community we are. Thanks also to our dedicated Staff – Mark, Carol, Lindsey, Theresa, our Maintenance and Janitorial guys.

Thanks to all of you who work to make the OBClub a very special place unto itself and within the broader community. I especially want to recognize Lou Malevitis for his continued efforts in the heartwarming Toys for Tots Program, and Jerry Wolin for his service on the Village Board under very trying circumstances.

Have a Happy Holiday Season and a Great 2010!

**Honor Flight Chicago**

There are an estimated 25,000 World War II veterans in the Chicago area. Of those, at least 21 live at the Oak Brook Club. Honor Flight Chicago is a non-profit organization founded by four Chicago women almost 2 years ago as a way to honor and thank our veterans with a day of remembrance and celebration in Washington, D.C. The organization has no paid employees, only a volunteer committee assisted by other talented and giving volunteers.

Veterans and guardians are flown free on a first-come, first-served basis to our capital with top priority given to WWII vets, then Korean and then Vietnam vets. So far, approximately 775 vets have been taken to their memorial with 1,043 on the waiting list. In 2009, there so far have been 6 flights, out of 9 planned. Each flight is solely for the vets.

Volunteers pay for each flight, a cost of \$35,000. An early morning flight from Midway on Southwest Airlines ends at Dulles Airport with a water cannon salute as the plane taxis to the terminal. Volunteer guardians are with the veterans throughout the 18 hour day.

Go to [honorflightchicago.org](http://honorflightchicago.org) for an application and more information. Donate, volunteer, sign up your veteran. Let that be one of your ways to say, “Thank you.”

**Pool Committee**

*by Al Ciciora*

Several years ago a temporary *ad hoc* Pool committee was formed to address problems and establish some pool rules. This past summer several rule problems occurred; poor water conditions were also observed that needed attention.

During the September CAT Board meeting, some residents discussed several situations and problems that occurred at the swimming pool. It was decided to form a permanent Pool Committee after the November elections. Each building would name a delegate and an alternate who would then make recommendations to the CAT Board and management. The presidents of each building will be seeking volunteers for this new committee. It would be desirable for the volunteer to be a swimmer or pool user. If you are interested in being a member, contact your building president or board member.

## A Museum, a Plane and a Neighbor

By Susan Collins



In one of the wings of the The Museum of Sciences and Industry hangs a Boeing 727 formerly flown by United Airlines. Nearby is a video showing how this plane was flown into Meigs Field, moved ashore, cleaned, taken apart and then reconstructed inside the museum.

Al Ciciora, Club One, played the recently redone video at one of our morning coffees where we had our own Q&A with him. The video was redone recently and now includes interviews with three of the many United pilots who volunteer at this exhibit, one of whom is Al wearing the uniform jacket he donned years ago. He was a United employee for 36 years, starting as an electronic technician and ending the climb up the ladder in 1978 when he became Captain Ciciora. Al started volunteering at the exhibit in 1994, working noon to 4 pm the 2nd Sunday of the month and thoroughly enjoying it. Look for him when you go.



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(Cultural Museums & Events continued)

Museum of Contemporary Art – [www.mcachicago.org](http://www.mcachicago.org)

\*Free on Tuesdays

Newberry Library – [www.newberry.org](http://www.newberry.org)

\*A free, special display of 1859 first editions from their collections.

Harold Washington Library – [www.chipublic.org](http://www.chipublic.org)

Smart Museum of Art – [www.smartmuseum.uchicago.edu](http://www.smartmuseum.uchicago.edu)

Smith Museum of Stained Glass at Navy Pier – [www.navy pier.com/things2do/rides\\_attract/smith/museum](http://www.navy pier.com/things2do/rides_attract/smith/museum)

Jane Addam's Hull House Museum – [www.uic.edu/jaddams/hull](http://www.uic.edu/jaddams/hull)

Rockefeller Chapel, University of Chicago – [www.rockefeller.uchicago.edu](http://www.rockefeller.uchicago.edu)

Douglas Tomb State Historical Site – [www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/douglas\\_tomb](http://www.state.il.us/hpa/hs/douglas_tomb)

Illinois State Museum at Thompson Center – [www.museum.state.il.us](http://www.museum.state.il.us)

**Cultural Museums & Events**

(Please check the websites for free days!)

The Museum of Science and Industry – [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org)

The Field Museum – [www.fieldmuseum.org](http://www.fieldmuseum.org)

\*Free on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month

The Shedd Aquarium – [www.sheddaquarium.org](http://www.sheddaquarium.org)

The Adler Planetarium – [www.adlerplanetarium.org](http://www.adlerplanetarium.org)

The Chicago History Museum – [www.chicagohs.org](http://www.chicagohs.org)

\*Free on Mondays

The Spertus Museum – [www.spertus.edu/museum/JewishHistoryMuseum](http://www.spertus.edu/museum/JewishHistoryMuseum)

\*Free Tuesdays (10:00 am – noon) and Wednesday (noon – 5:00 pm)

The Chicago Cultural Center

Millenium Park – [www.millenniumpark.org](http://www.millenniumpark.org)

The Art Institute of Chicago Museum – [www.artic.edu](http://www.artic.edu)

\*Free every Thursday from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum – [www.naturemuseum.org](http://www.naturemuseum.org)

\*Free every Thursday & Butterfly room year around

The Lincoln Park Zoo – [www.lpzoo.org](http://www.lpzoo.org)

\*Always free!

The Lincoln Park Conservatory – [www.chicagoparkdistrict.com](http://www.chicagoparkdistrict.com)

\*Always free!

Garfield Park Conservatory – [www.garfield-conservatory.org](http://www.garfield-conservatory.org)

\*The country's oldest at 100 years is always free!

Brookfield Zoo – [www.czs.org/czs/Brookfield/Zoo-Home](http://www.czs.org/czs/Brookfield/Zoo-Home)

\*Free Tuesdays and Thursdays through December 31, 2009

The Oriental Institute – [www.ojuchicago.edu](http://www.ojuchicago.edu)

Chicago Children's Museum at Navy Pier – [www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org](http://www.chicagochildrensmuseum.org)

\*Free on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday for ages 15 and under.

DuSable Museum of African American History – [www.dusablemuseum.org](http://www.dusablemuseum.org)

\*Free on Sundays

Italian Cultural Institute of Chicago – [www.iicchicago.esteri.it/IIC\\_Chicago](http://www.iicchicago.esteri.it/IIC_Chicago)

\*Always free!

Loyola University Museum of Art – [www.luc.edu/luma](http://www.luc.edu/luma)

\*Free on Tuesdays