

The OBC Post



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The Oak Brook Club

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Bits and Pieces of Home Front News

The snowbirds are back and as of this writing, the hot, muggy weather arrived with them. They missed the cold winter, the comfortable spring, the deck construction and most, if not all, of the road rehabilitation. For the non-snowbirds, we put up and shut up and played along. Life was here one minute; gone the next for too many of us. But as life keeps renewing, so do we, re-building and improving and welcoming each day.

The roads were rehabbed incredibly fast and under budget, including the 3 extra guards during the rain delays. Paving was happening on the west side of the complex while milling was throwing up dust on the other. Jack Hammer couldn't have been better at communicating every turn of events. How many times do you laugh out loud while reading an article? And 8,000 pavers? Now that would have been fun to contemplate a "guess how many" game with a fun prize. Two bits, Jack would have come up with something appropriate.

The CAT approved new computers for the management office. Imagine the smiles on Mark's, Carol's, Lindsey's and Theresa's faces on hearing that. They'd been working on 7 year-old computers that weren't cooperating with each other. Talk about biting your tongue; in a situation involving computer problems, it's more likely you're trying not to panic or scream. Anyone who uses a computer on a regular basis knows they get out-dated more and more frequently. Recently, I've even discovered that's true of 5 year old TVs. They have no connection for blu-ray! (Whatever exactly that is.)

Our wireless fire alarm system has been completed by ADT. If you know where to look, you might see two small antennae on the roof of the Clubhouse. Mark tells me the antennae on the tower by the Clubhouse is for television reception and a weather station, neither of which are functioning anymore. That's wireless and cable progress for you.

Jeff Kennedy reports that as of May 25 the final approval for the OBC being zoned for condominiums is complete. That decision won't be official until it's published in a newspaper, most likely the Daily Herald. Three cheers to Jeff for his leadership, knowledge and awareness of why this ruling is so important to our community. It only took 1 year and 7 meetings to accomplish, with several residents attending and supporting him at every meeting.

The Pool Committee, newly formed in this past year, reworked the pool rules, which you've already received in the mail. Be sure and read them carefully, get your pool pass and join the sun and water lovers on our new deck. Ron Rossi in the following article has a brief report on Grounds Committee happenings.

As for the Open House on Wednesday, July 7 inviting realtors and guests of residents, more news will be forthcoming around June 9. There's been a wonderful response from resident volunteers wanting to help make this successful. Many, many thanks. However, every bit of help from all residents is still vital. Your friends may have seen your unit, but it could be a social occasion for you to show them other units, our path, and meet your neighbors. Your friend's friends might want to come too. George Doherty (Club 3), Mark, some residents here, as well as Comcast marketing personnel have been working on a 30 second spot to be aired on cable TV shows featuring the OBC, showing a video slideshow with pictures of our beautiful complex with audio voice-over accompaniment. Decisions on what times and what stations are still being decided but you'll know when they know.

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OAK BROOK CLUB EVENTS

Comcast at the OBC

Comcast technicians are still at the Oak Brook Club on Wednesdays until further notice. Please let the office know by *Tuesday of that week* if you would like to see a Comcast technician on Wednesday.

OBC Water Aerobics is Back!

It's fun! It's good for you! Make new friends!

Starts: Wednesday, June 2 at 10:00 am will continue every Monday, Wednesday, Friday through the summer.

Cost: \$3.00 per person

Call: Barbara Latini with questions
630-833-5425

MEN'S POKER NIGHT

Thursdays at 7:00pm

In the kitchen off the Bamboo Room
Contact Arnie Clark: 630.530.5661.

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 am - June 8

Every 4th Friday @ 2:00 pm - June 25

Bamboo Room



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Fridays at 1:00pm

For information, call Carol Neimark:
630.941.7271. Club Room



BRIDGE

ALL MONDAYS @ 12:30 pm

Call Alice Harley - 630.279.1839

Bamboo Room



UWC News

July 23 Ice Cream Social

Friday evening @ 6:30 pm. Plan to attend!

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Drury Lane Oak Brook Terrace presents Frankie Avalon

Monday, September 20 - 1:30 matinee
Tuesday, September 21 - 1:30 pm and 8:00 pm

Classic Car Show

Sunday, June 20 @ 11:00 am - 6:00 pm
Annual Father's Day even at the Oak Brook Shopping Center

Now Playing at the Drury Lane - "Sugar"

June 3 - August 1

Based on the movie "Some Like It Hot"

Yorktown Farmer's Market

June 9 - October 6

Wednesdays 3pm - 6pm

outside the shops on Butterfield

Oak Brook Library Driver's Safety Course

Wednesday, June 9 & Thursday, June 10

Call 630-368-7725 for more information.

Morton Arboretum-throughout the summer

The majestic fine-art exhibition, *Steelroots: Tobin at The Morton Arboretum*, is being displayed. It is the first ever comprehensive display of the *Steelroots* sculpture series by artist Steve Tobin. Tobin gained international attention for his "Trinity Root" sculpture memorial near the 9/11 disaster site. He created this piece from the stump and roots of a sycamore tree that shielded historic St. Paul's Church, while other nearby structures were destroyed.

Oak Brook Library April Book Sale

The April Book Sale for 2010 consisted of 9,500 items which resulted in a total of \$7,500. After June 1st, book donations will be very welcome.

Oak Brook Library Sale Items

By Juanita Swatos

The Oak Brook Library wants you to know which items are acceptable for their annual book sale:

- CDs, DVDs and record albums
- Books should be in good shape

Books that are not acceptable are:

- Textbooks, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias, Atlases

Donations are appreciated year-round. Thank you for your cooperation

**The Ultorian Women’s Club Enjoys
“Breakfast with Friends”**

By: Betsy Schumacher

New friends, old friends – What a wonderful time we had Wednesday morning, May 26, at the annual UWC membership meeting. The delicious buffet breakfast was top-notch. A brief business meeting electing the coming year’s officers was held followed by a truly interesting Show and Tell featuring items that had a special meaning to the presenter. One special presentation was about an alms bowl Jane Gagnon had bought years ago in Thailand. It was handmade and as Jane explained its origin, Bonnie Sittner unexpectedly walked up and dropped in her monetary contribution. She brought the house down.

Loretta Widiger’s daughter gifted us all with a pack of Dunkin’ Donuts coffee for offering her mother so many wonderful opportunities to be involved here. Thank you from Loretta.

Flo Scully’s and Sandy Boggess’ table decorations just made one feel ‘happy’. Beautifully done.

We extend many thanks to the 2009-10 UWC Board and all that they have accomplished. The 2010-11 Board is in place and ready to go. As always, we need all of you, your ideas, and your time. Call Jane Gagnon when you’re ready to lend a hand at 630.833.5087.

Not to forget – Happy 35th Anniversary to the UWC. You have meant so much to the developments of friendships in the Oak Brook Club community.

**Ultorian Women’s Club
2010-2011 Officers**

President	Jane Gagnon
Vice Presidents (and Program Chairs)	Sandy Boggess Carol Wolin
Secretary	Susan Collins
Treasurer	Fran Balluff
Membership	Cathy Dahlstrand Sue Rossi Flo Scully
Publicity	Betsy Schumacher
Courtesy	Bonnie Sittner Marilyn Waters

Grounds Committee Update

By Ron Rossi, Chair

With the advent of spring, the Grounds Committee gears up for its busiest time of the year. The committee has completed its annual “walk around” and identified a number of projects to be completed this year. A number of trees will be replaced in addition to work on several other plant and ground cover rehabilitation projects.

The ponds beside the pool and gatehouse have been restocked with a variety of new fish and aquatic plants have been introduced. The plants will take some time to grow and become evident.

The Grounds Committee is in discussions with the Pool Committee to consider additional enhancements to the pool area, which will complement the new pool deck installation.

A Family Celebration

Jeff Wolin, the son of Carol and Jerry Wolin from Club 5, was recently recognized by the U.S. National Park Service for writing “Explore, Learn and Protect” a rousing song which has been adopted as the official theme song of the Junior Ranger Program.

As a Ranger at Florissant Fossil Beds National Monument near Pike’s Peak in Colorado, Jeff enjoys composing and singing music for children in his spare time.

Jeff officially introduced “Explore, Learn, and Protect” as well as seven other songs he composed at his concert on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C. in April. Jeff also headlined an Earth Day program at the Washington Monument for almost 700 singing and dancing children, sharing the stage with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar, who oversees the National Park Service, and Jon Jarvis, the National Park Superintendent.

The Wolin family used the concerts as an opportunity for a family reunion. Almost 50 family members from 10 different states were there to help celebrate a very happy occasion.

Jury Duty

From a book called *Disorder in the American Courts*, these are things people *actually* said in court, word for word.

ATTORNEY: Are you sexually active?

WITNESS: No, I just lie there.

ATTORNEY: The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?

WITNESS: He's twenty, much like your IQ.

ATTORNEY: Do you recall the time that you examined the body?

WITNESS: The autopsy started around 8:30 p.m.

ATTORNEY: And, Mr. Denton was dead at the time?

WITNESS: If not, he was by the time I finished.

Recycle old TVs, computers, monitors, receivers, digital cameras, record players, hand held PDs and games, and other electronics for free at Best Buy. Receive a gift card to be used at their store.

FOR SALE

Liquor locker for sale. If interested, please call 630-833-1739.

FOR SALE

Rattan dining room table with glass top, 8 Chairs, & matching China cabinet
If interested, please call 630-834-0575.

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Current Resident

Remember to visit www.oakbrookclub.com for happenings here!