

For Members Only



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The Oak Brook Club

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GET READY TO VOTE

The Village of Oak Brook election is April 7. To help you prepare, some related details are listed below.

CANDIDATES NIGHT – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 - CLUBHOUSE UPPER LEVEL, 6:30 PM

Who are the candidates? What are their positions? Each Trustee candidate and Park District candidate will have 5 minutes to present their background and their agenda for the improvement of the Village of Oak Brook. After an opportunity to question each candidate, coffee and dessert will be served. It is most important that you attend, ask your questions, and meet the candidates.

VILLAGE OF OAK BROOK ELECTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 7

On April 7, the Village of Oak Brook will hold an important election for 3 Trustees to be elected to a 4 year term. The candidates are as follows:

Stelios Aktipis
Jeff Kennedy (incumbent)
Mark M. Moy
Stanley Pruss
Robert Sanford (incumbent)
Asif Yusuf
Elaine Zannis

Park District (Voters will choose 2 of the 3 candidates.)

Sharon R. Knitter
Deborah Madda (incumbent)
Frank J. Trombetta

POLLING PLACE

The polling place for Oak Brook Club residents (Precinct 124) is located at

Stella May Swartz School - B
17w160 16th St.
Oak Brook Terrace, IL 60181

Any questions, please call
Charlotte Pruss at 630.368.5000
Maps can be picked up in the office.

REGISTERING TO VOTE

If you are not registered to vote, please register soon! See Mark Burke, Kerry Krafthefer (Club 5) or George Iaccino (Club West).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

To apply for an absentee ballot, send a written request or call the County at (630)407-5600. Absentee ballot applications will be accepted February 26 – March 30. Applications for absentee ballots were sent to all “snowbirds” who are registered voters on March 22. If you need an application for absentee ballot, they are available at the Office.

For anyone who has a permanent disability which would make it improbable to be present at the polls in the future, you may enroll in the Permanently Disabled Absentee Voting Program. Applications for this program can be found at http://www.oak-brook.org/dep_vservices/villageclerks_office_election.shtml and mailed to the DuPage County Election Commission.

EARLY VOTING

Early voting will be available March 16 through April 2.

The closest DuPage County Early Voting sites are:

Elmhurst City Hall, City Council Chambers room at 209 N. York St., Elmhurst
Office hours: M-F 9:00 am – 4:30 pm.

York Township, Assessor's Office at 1502 S. Meyers Rd., Lombard.

Office hours: M-F 8:30 am – 4:00 pm & Saturday 9:00 am – 12:00 pm.

Information also found at http://www.oak-brook.org/dep_vservices/villageclerks_office_election.shtml.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4
MOVIE NIGHT**

6:30 pm in the Clubhouse Lower Level
Bring your own refreshments & beverage
Please call Bev Lenell by **March 3** at
630.279.7123 if you plan to attend.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 at 1:00 pm

The Met: Live! Puccini's MADAMA BUTTERFLY will be transmitted LIVE in HD to the Yorktown Shopping Center AMC theatre. Encore showings will be on March 18 and March 19. To order tickets, go to www.fathomevents.com or go to the Yorktown AMC.

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 at 10:00 am

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 at 2:00 pm

COFFEE & CONVERSATION Clubhouse Lower Level

TUESDAY, MARCH 10 & 24

Village of Oak Brook Board of Trustees Meeting
Meeting at 7:30 pm at the Samuel E. Dean Board
Room of the Butler Government Center,
1200 Oak Brook Road

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

ANNUAL MEETING & AWARDS BREAKFAST

Greater Oak Brook Chamber of Commerce
Keynote Speaker: Joseph Consenza (Vice Chairman
& Principal, Inland Real Estate Group).
Event @ Oak Brook Bath & Tennis Club
The Corporate Meeting Place
800 Oak Brook Rd. at 7:30 to 9:00 a.m.
Free for Chamber Members & Partners.
For Non-Members, cost is \$40.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12
KELLY BRAND NEXTET**

Jazz Salon at Mayslake Peabody Estates

The ensemble is a crew of top-notch Windy City musicians who swing with an aggressive edge. You won't want to miss hearing this world-class quintet featuring piano, sax/flute, trumpet, bass, and percussion! To order tickets, call 312.291.0291 or go to www.pianofortechicago.com/blog/?page_id=17.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12
RELAY FOR LIFE**

Come to the Relay For Life event kick-off to find out more about the event and enjoy refreshments, entertainment, prizes and a team registration discount with a special team captain gift! Please R.S.V.P. by March 9, 2009 to: Leslie at your American Cancer Society at 630.932.1141, ext. 3 or by email to leslie.abrahamson@cancer.org. For more information go to: www.relayforlifeohb.com



**THURSDAY, MARCH 19
ROSENBLUM WINE DINNER**
Cantigny Park in Wheaton, Illinois

A selection of wines from Rosenblum Cellars paired with hors d'oeuvres and a six course dinner. For further information and reservations please call 630.260.8194.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 28
RECYCLE YOUR ELECTRONICS**

Come to Benedictine University for "Sustainable Saturday in Lisle" to recycle old electronic devices and scrap metal. For a complete list of accepted items and directions to the event, information is located in the Clubhouse Lower Level Library magazine rack.

SATURDAY, MARCH 28

ACAPPELLAGO: ESCAPE TO BROADWAY

Mayslake Peabody Estates at 7:30 pm
1717 W. 31st St., Oak Brook



To order tickets, call 708.484.3797 x2
or visit www.acapellago.org

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 23, & 30

AL POPOWITS "Florence the Easy Way"

Oak Brook Library favorite Al Popowits returns with a program on Italy's "Cradle of the Renaissance," featuring the Uffizi Gallery, St. John's Baptistery, and more. Event occurs at 7:00 pm. For more information, call 630.990.2222 or visit www.oak-brook.lib.il.us

**NOW through MARCH 22
PLEASURE PAINTINGS**



See an exhibit by three Chicago area female artists at the Elmhurst Art Museum at 150 Cottage Hill Ave., Elmhurst. For more information, call 630.834.0202 or visit www.elmhurstartmuseum.org

ALL MONDAYS

BRIDGE @ 12:30 pm

For information, call Alice Harley - 630.279.1839



ALL WEDNESDAYS in MARCH

FOREIGN MOVIE MATINEES

2:00 pm at the Oak Brook Library

FRIDAY, MARCH 27

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

Clubhouse Lower Level from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

OBC Committees

Replacements, upgrades, improvements and reviews are always present wherever you live. At the Oak Brook Club, the decisions on which Oak Brook Club Community Area projects to do are made by the CAT (Community Area Trust) Board members, but not without the help of seven committees (volunteers from each Club) that have investigated and discussed a particular situation and offered their reasoned opinion and advice, usually after many months of study. Everything you did for your freestanding homes, these committees decide for our 25-acre site. It is a big responsibility and commitment. Thank you for those who are willing to help our community.

The **Management/Finance Committee** is the most complex committee. While continually looking for ways to reduce costs, they are simultaneously looking for ways to replenish reserve funds. Dealing with and reviewing insurance plans, maintaining oversight of our relationship with MB Financial and reviewing on a quarterly basis Investment Standards. This Committee is continually looking for potential ways of saving costs while verifying former decisions are on track.

The clubhouse and grounds are private property to be enjoyed by our residents and their guests. Updating the clubhouse is as constant as updating your home, with the interior as important as the exterior. When someone drives through the front gate, their first impression is of the beautiful grounds and clubhouse. The **Clubhouse** and **Grounds Committees** have worked hard to ensure we continue to be proud of our home.

The **Security Committee's** job is to help us prepare, not panic, in case of a building emergency. Reviews of procedures and training are conducted with the Village fire department. Committee members are also on the watch for scofflaws who don't obey traffic signs and to suggest traffic improvements to the CAT board.

Investigating newer technologies of the constantly changing digital age so that we don't become a dated community is the job of the **Technology Committee**. They are currently reviewing the Comcast contract and options, while also studying message notification systems and automatic gate entry systems.


The **Communications Committee** and the **Welcoming Committee** are similar to a small degree – both try to inform and greet residents. The appropriate Welcoming Committee member greets new residents in his/her building and answers questions; the Communications Committee sends out a monthly newsletter with relevant news, dates, social news and project updates, as well as keeping the OBC website and TV channel updated.

If you have a suggestion or question that pertains to any of these committees, contact your building representative who will bring it to their next committee meeting. It always helps to put your questions or concerns in writing. As the year progresses, there will be occasional updates in this newsletter on committee happenings. We want to keep you informed of your neighborhood.

The Communications Committee welcomes anyone who would like to attend their meetings. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 4 at 10:30 am in the Clubhouse Upper Level. **Ideas for future articles, volunteers to write human interest articles, or general input** for our newsletter are encouraged as well. Article submissions may be brought to the office.

We would also like to acknowledge and thank the following people for representing their building at the Communications Committee meeting: *Al Ciciora, Juanita Swatos, Carol Neimark, Eleanor Fralick, Janice O'Connell, Bill Duff, Malcolm Campbell, Betsy Schumacher, Mary Burress, and Susan Collins.*

THANK YOU!!!
We unintentionally forgot to thank Carol Neimark & Becky Anos in last month's newsletter for making our Clubhouse Library look wonderful!



ANNUAL BOOK SALE
The Annual Book Sale at the Oak Brook Library is currently accepting donations and will continue to do so until April 15. Please remember to donate items in resalable condition. If you need to have a large donation transported to the Library, call Mary Ann Nuñez at 630.782.6968.

The Ultorian Women's Club

Friday, March 20 Italian Night

Thursday, April 23 Breakfast & Book Review

Enjoy a light breakfast with book reviewer, Barbara Rinella. She will tell us about some of America's first ladies. *For UWC Members Only!*

Wednesday, May 20 Annual Meeting

Friday, July 24 Ice Cream Social

The Ultorian Women's Club sponsored two sessions for the equipment in the newly-remodeled exercise room in the Clubhouse. More than 30 people enjoyed learning how to properly and safely use the aerobic machines and weight lifting equipment.

Thanks to Bridget Dowling for making all of the arrangements and efficiently managing to get us all on track towards becoming really fit. Now there's no excuse to not exercise!

An additional orientation session for those who missed the first classes will be held on March 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm. Call Bridget for reservations at 630.530.5306.

BITS N' PIECES OF INFORMATION

DON'T FORGET!!!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME begins **March 8 at 2:00 a.m.** Be sure to set your clocks forward the night before!!!



BARGAINS ANYONE??

McDonalds offers *free coffee* on Mondays and *reduced coffee* for seniors every day.

York Theatre in Elmhurst offers \$4.00 tickets before 5:00 pm on Wednesdays.

Yorktown Theatre in Lombard offers \$6.00 tickets before 5:00 pm on Tuesdays.

MAH JONGG LESSONS

If you are interested in learning the game of Mah Jongg, Carol Neimark is offering lessons. Please contact her at 630.941.7271.

TV INFO: If you have a HD or digital converter box, the Oak Brook Station will be *channel 93*. If you do not have a box, it will be *channel 19*.

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY!!!

