

The OBC Post



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The Oak Brook Club

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Showing Our Hand

According to several Realtors with knowledge of this area, the Oak Brook Club is a hidden gem, not a household name, even among many realtors. Knowing that and understanding the economic environment and real estate market, two suggestions have been presented to and approved by the CAT Board. Both suggestions are an attempt to increase the exposure of the OBC and show what a unique property we are. We want to be ahead of the curve when the housing market turns.

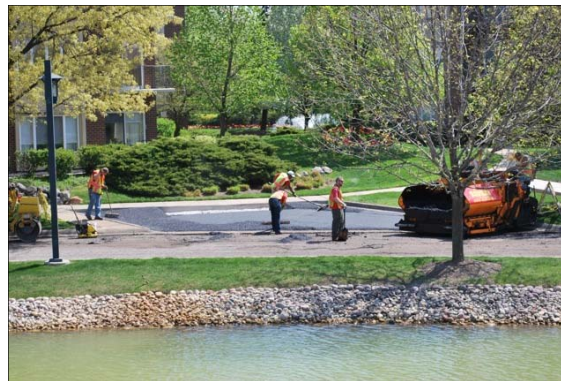
One method will be to produce a 30-second promotion about the OBC which will air for 6 weeks on particular cable TV shows. The Realtors would pay for the cost. The "spot" would be owned by the OBC and could also be used on our website.

The second method to draw attention to our complex will be to open it on a mid-day in July to friends of OBC owners and all interested Realtors we can attract. The Realtors here can bring their clients also. Letters will be sent both to Realtors and owners with relevant information in the next few weeks.

Knowing that security is prime with our neighbors, an extra security guard will be available to walk the grounds. There will be no uninvited guests; the showing will not be open to the public. There will be registration at the Clubhouse, which will be the staging area where guests can pick up literature and gather information, as well as enjoy refreshments. Realtors will show the condos, and volunteers from the OBC will be at each lobby and in the Clubhouse to assist with general questions.

As for funding, the Realtors will pay a set amount to the OBC to cover the Realtors normal costs of doing business.

The Realtor showing will require cooperation and volunteer help. When someone calls or stops you in the next few weeks and asks for your help, be ready to say yes. Remember, whatever you can do to help the OBC helps you. Let's all pull together!



ROAD WONDERS!

Above: Milling the roads

Upper Right: Smoothing the asphalt

Right: 5 days later -
the finished product!!



On the prowl for geese.

OAK BROOK CLUB EVENTS

Comcast at the OBC

As many of you know, Comcast technicians are at the Oak Brook Club on Wednesdays. Please let the office know by Tuesday of that week if you would like to see a Comcast technician on Wednesday.

MEN'S POKER NIGHT

Fridays at 7:00pm

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

COFFEE & CONVERSATION

Every 2nd Tuesday @ 10:00 am - May 11
Every 4th Friday @ 2:00 pm - May 28
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

HELP WANTED!

The Ultorian Women's Club is looking for ladies who would be willing to help set and clear tables for various events and assist in other aspects of the group. For further information, please call Jane Gagnon (630-833-5087) or Carol Wolin (630-530-7115).

May 26 Breakfast Annual Meeting

Breakfast meeting and the election of officers starts at 10:00 am. Cost \$15.

June No program

July 23 Ice Cream Social

Look for more information to come!

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

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Mother's Day Brunch

Sunday, May 9 @ 10:00 am

Enjoy a spectacular brunch in either the LeJardin or Red Oak Room in the clubhouse at Cantigny. Two hour seatings are available. For reservations, call 630-260-8194.

Bobby Vinton in Concert

Monday, May 10 & Tuesday May 11
at Drury Lane

For more information, call 630.530.0111 or visit www.drurylaneoakbrook.com

Country Antiques and Vintage Faire

at the Graue Mill & Museum

Saturday, May 22 9:30am - 5pm

This year's show will be on the grounds of the mill, even with an old-fashioned farm auction.

AARP Driver Safety Program

Thursday, May 27 & Friday, May 28
@ 12:15 pm each day

at the York Township Senior Center,
1502 S Meyers Rd, Lombard.
To register, call 630-620-2423.

The Steve Cooper Orchestra

Sunday, May 30 @ 3:00pm
at Cantigny Park

Come here one of the most popular ballroom bands in the Midwest. The concert features lawn seating and is free to the public. For more info, visit www.catigny.org

Thank You!

Thanks are due to the UWC for their gifts of a small freezer for the Clubhouse kitchen and a piano trolley, making relocation of the piano safe and possible. Both gifts will be very useful. Thank you!!

To Club Presidents and Committee Chairpersons

The OBC Post wants to keep the community informed and connected but needs your help. After your Board or committee meetings, please email or phone me with any newsworthy information. News could also be dropped at the gatehouse. Better yet, write an article yourself! Any information would be reviewed and printed as it seems appropriate and informative.

Thanks for your assistance. Susan Collins
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The Difference Between http and https

Many people are unaware that there are websites that begin with http:// and with https://. Even more are unaware of the difference between the two.

It's all about keeping you secure - HTTP stands for Hyper Text Transport Protocol. The S (big surprise) stands for "Secure". If you visit a website or webpage, and look at the address in the web browser, it will likely begin with the following: http://. This means that the website is talking to your browser using the regular 'unsecure' language. In other words, it is possible for someone to "eavesdrop" on your computer's conversation with the website. If you fill out a form on the website, someone might see the information you send to that site.



This is why you never ever enter your credit card number in an http website! But if the web address begins with https:// that basically means your computer is talking to the website in a secure code that no one can eavesdrop on. You understand why this is so important, right?

If a website ever asks you to enter your credit card information, you should automatically look to see if the web address begins with <https://>. ; If it doesn't, there's no way you're going to enter sensitive information like a credit card number.

If you ever log in to your bank account and https doesn't show, log out fast.

Pool News

2010 Pool Passes are now available in the management office.

The Pool opens Saturday, May 29.
See you in the sunshine on the new pool deck!



Edit to the 2010 Directory

The management office unintentionally omitted an entry from the 2010 directory. In Club 4, please include F-304, Skip & Skeet Godow. If you would like the Godow's phone number, please contact the management office.

WANTED

Resident would like to loan a parking space in exchange for the use of storage space in **Building 5**.

If interested, please contact
630.833.0799.

Friendly Reminders

- If you walk around the property after dark, please remember to wear light colored clothing so drivers are able to see you. Wearing black makes you blend into the new, beautiful black roads!
- Please do not feed the squirrels or other wild life around the property.
- Pet owners - please respect your neighbors and be sure to clean up after your pet.



When Bad Stuff Happens

By Susan Collins assisted by Al Ciciora

You hear it not infrequently – the sound of the fire truck and ambulance approaching. Immediately your anxiety level goes up as the thought crosses your mind, “Don’t let it be anything serious.” Last year there were approximately 60 calls made to the OBC ranging from medical emergencies, falls, smoke detectors activated by cooking, and even a child’s head stuck in the balcony railings.

A call to 911 goes to the OB fire and police departments, which are staffed year round, 24 hours a day in three 24 hour shifts by 32 full-time firefighters and paramedics. The departments have special teams for water rescue, hazardous materials, and technical rescue (which encompasses confined spaces and high angle rescues). Most incidents are emergency medical calls and motor vehicle accidents, some of which require extrication. Other types of calls deal with fire alarm activations, smoke removal, invalid assists, elevator rescues, house lockouts and hazardous conditions such as gas leaks, carbon monoxide detector activations, and electrical or chemical problems.

When asked why 3 different types of emergency vehicles go on all calls, Chief McEllin answered, “Quality of care! We work from the premise that it’s better to be safe and send the apparatus than sorry that we don’t have the proper manpower on scene.” Additional staffing and additional equipment ensure a faster and improved response.

Having had the need to use 911 in the past, there’s no doubt in my mind as to the professionalism and gentleness of our emergency responders. Something else stood out to me also – these guys are big. They’ll fill up your room. You can be sure though, they’ll get you down the Club stairs safely, calmly, gently. You’ll be in good hands. One of the officers said that the people here are so good to them. That’s because they deserve it. We thank them all.

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Current Resident

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