



Oak Lawn Matters

Summer 2024

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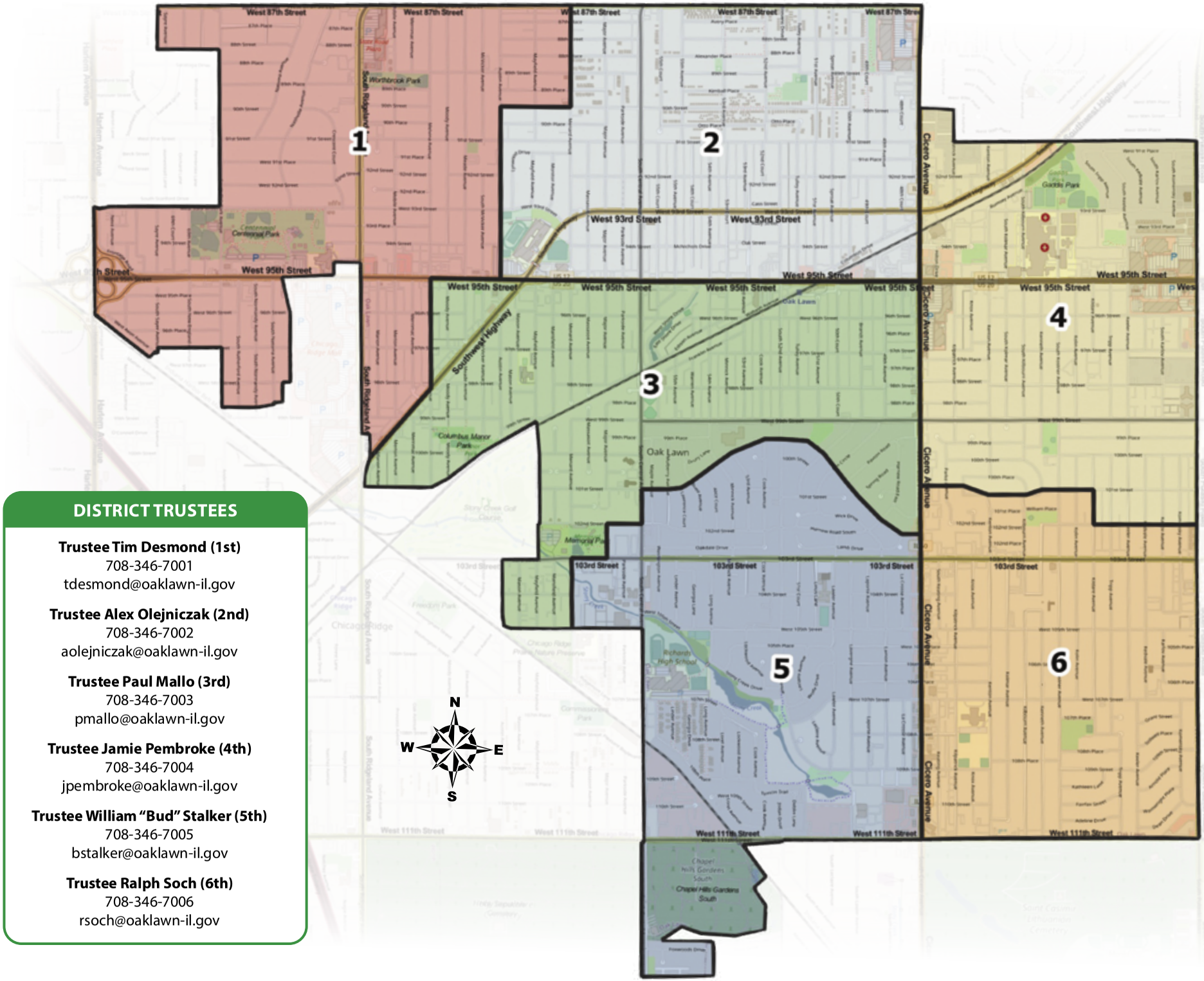




HOMETOWN HEROES BANNERS

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Message from the Mayor
Terry Vorderer

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Dear Friends & Neighbors:

As we approach the summer of 2024, we should be thankful for the quality of life we enjoy as residents of Oak Lawn. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to serve our community as Mayor. I was born and raised here, along with 6 brothers and sisters, and my wife of 53 years Linda and I raised our family in Oak Lawn, a great Village to call home.

Oak Lawn continues to be one of the strongest communities in the state. We see explosive growth in our housing market with businesses opening all over the Village. One problem is finding locations for them as our village is almost completely developed. Often, it's required to tear down older properties to make way for the new. This is a good problem to have, I guess. The Oak Lawn Chamber of Commerce has over 350 members and continues to grow. Sometimes, I think my job as Mayor is cutting grand opening ribbons for new businesses, as I do so often. By the time you're reading this, Paisans Pizza, 111th & Cicero will be open. This business will be an amazing addition to our ever-growing restaurant options for family dining in our community.

Public safety is the primary responsibility of any unit of government. I, along with the Village Board, recognize this responsibility and we continue our 100% support of our police and fire departments. These are truly professional organizations. We need them more than ever in these difficult times and they make me proud to say I was once an Oak Lawn Police Officer. These men and women need to know our Village stands behind them.

I, along with the Village Board, have partnered with Worth Township's Supervisor, Patrica Murphy, to provide expanded senior bus services, not only for transportation to locations in Oak Lawn but to locations throughout the township. We are also working with our park district to build a new Senior Center located at 102nd and Major Ave. Partnering with other taxing agencies to provide these services is an efficient use of our tax dollars.

Summer 2024 will see expanded community events, including additional "Concerts on the Green" which occur Sunday evenings, a July 4th parade, which will be held this year on June 29, and our annual music festival which occurs in the fall. These events do not use tax dollars, but are funded by the profits from the Fall Music Festival. There are many Oak Lawn residents and employees who volunteer their time to make these events successful. I wish to thank them for making summer in Oak Lawn enjoyable for families year after year.

In closing, let me say, I'm deeply appreciative for your support and promise to do my best for you and your family in Oak Lawn.

Mayor Terry Vorderer



SENIOR CORNER



Oak Lawn Senior Center - 5220 W. 105th St

Our Senior Center is open from 10 am until 2 pm, Monday through Friday. There are a variety of activities and events including movies, games, exercise classes, bingo, and entertainment. We continue to look for a more permanent space for the Center so we can expand and improve our senior services. If you would like more information, contact our Senior Center Activities Director Mike Musto at mmusto@oaklawn-il.gov, or 708-499-0240.

Worth Township Senior Bus

The Village has partnered with Worth Township and other communities and continue to offer the Senior bus. The cost is $3 per ride ($6 round-trip) or 10 rides for $25, a $5 savings. Riders and their caregivers must be registered to ride the bus, and reservations should be made 24 hours in advance. You can register by phone by calling the Worth Township Transportation Coordinator John Panico at 708-972-7075, or fill out an application at the Worth Township Center, 11601 S. Pulaski Road, Alsip.



1st District Trustee
Tim Desmond

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As the warm and sunny days of summer approach, I wanted to send you a message filled with joy, positivity, and community spirit. Summer is a time of rejuvenation and a perfect opportunity for us to come together and make lasting memories.

Oak Lawn, with its beautiful parks, vibrant neighborhoods, and friendly residents, truly comes alive during the summer months. Whether it's enjoying a picnic at Stony Creek Promenade, attending an outdoor movie or concert, or taking a refreshing dip in Centennial Park Pool, there are endless activities to savor.

Let's make the most of this summer by exploring all that our wonderful community has to offer. Take a stroll along the Oak Lawn Park District's trails, challenge your friends to a game of basketball at Community Pavilion, or simply relax at your favorite local bar or coffee shop.

But let's not forget the importance of looking out for one another during these warm months. Keep an eye out for your neighbors, especially the elderly and those who may need assistance in the heat. Stay hydrated, wear sunscreen, and remember to practice safety while enjoying outdoor activities.

Oak Lawn is not just a place to live; it's a community that thrives on unity and support. Let's come together this summer to create a welcoming and inclusive environment for all. Whether it's organizing a neighborhood BBQ, volunteering at a local charity event, or simply lending a helping hand, every small act of kindness can make a big difference.

So, dear residents of Oak Lawn, let's embrace the spirit of summer and make it a season to remember. Let's celebrate the warmth, the laughter, and the sense of togetherness that this time of year brings. May your summer be filled with happiness, love, and cherished moments with family and friends.

Wishing you all a delightful and sun-filled summer!



2nd District Trustee
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As we transition to summer, let's reflect on the contributions from our dedicated community members. From the diligent work of the Public Works Department, the resilient spirit of our local businesses, and the unwavering commitment of our esteemed police force, Oak Lawn continues to thrive!

The Public Works Department serves as the backbone of our village, ensuring our streets are dependable and our parks inviting for all to enjoy. Their efforts in maintaining the beauty of our surroundings do not go unnoticed. Their dedication ensures that Oak Lawn remains a welcoming place for all.

Our local businesses are the lifeblood of our community. They continue to embody resilience, enriching our lives with their offerings. Let's support these establishments, through dining, shopping, and attending community events. By doing so, we bolster our local economy and unite as neighbors and friends.

In these challenging times, the dedication of our police department shines brightly, providing safety for Oak Lawn residents. Their unwaavering commitment to serving our community is a source of inspiration. With heartfelt gratitude, we thank those who uphold the values of justice and compassion, ensuring that Oak Lawn remains a place we are proud to call home.

As we look ahead, let us stand united in our support for those who safeguard our village. In the upcoming elections, choose leaders who prioritize the needs of our police department and recognize the vital role they play in maintaining a thriving community. By electing those who value public safety and advocate for the resources our officers require, we affirm our commitment to building a brighter and more inclusive Oak Lawn for generations.

In conclusion, let us celebrate the unity that defines the essence of Oak Lawn. Whether it's the dedicated efforts of the Public Works Department, the entrepreneurial spirit of our local businesses, or the unwavering dedication of our police force, our village thrives because of these contributions.



3rd District Trustee
Paul Mallo

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I hope everyone has had a good Spring! I look forward to some good weather and our Summer events that we have planned this year.

As the Village deals with a reduction in our budget going forward with Governor Pritzker's new mandates, the still ongoing reduction in the LGDF funds which needs to get back to 10% and the new elimination of the village's grocery tax, while not eliminating the states portion of the grocery tax. The state is supposed to support schools each and every year, yet it ends up coming straight from your tax bill as schools encompass up to 75% of property taxes. We are working hard to keep our budget reasonable and keep an eye on all financial dealing with the Village of Oak Lawn, while not jeopardizing the most important processes that keep our community strong. Our Police Department, Fire Department, and Public Works have been doing a wonderful job in balancing this fine line.

New businesses are coming in every day and the housing market is at an all-time high. So many properties are being updated and sold each and every day in our town. If you are looking to update your home, contact our building department to obtain a proper permit.

The Arts and Events Commission has worked very hard during the winter to create an amazing list of events for this summer. The Sunday Concerts, 4th of July Parade and Post Parade Concert, National Night Out, Halloween Decorating Contest, Fall Music Festival, and Santa on the Green.

My wife, my kids and I are happy we chose Oak Lawn as our home. Hope you have a wonderful, safe, and blessed Summer.



4th District Trustee
James "Jamie" Pembroke

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Thank you for your patience and understanding as the Village undertook much needed street resurfacing projects in the 4th District and throughout the community in 2023.

The resurfacing of our streets is a continuing program that is needed to maintain quality streets throughout our Village. Our Public Works Department has done a great job determining which of our streets are in most need of repair and overseeing the completion of the project. It is recognized that road repair work in our District creates inconveniences for our residents. The streets resurfacing program will continue into the Spring and Summer of 2024. Thank you for your patience.

Many District 4 residents have petitioned the Village for stop signs and other traffic controlling signs on their streets. Resident input for the need for stop and yield signs at the intersections in their neighborhood is vital to traffic safety throughout the Village. If you are interested in petitioning the Village for a stop sign in your area, go to the Village website and search "Traffic Control Device Petition" and print it out. Ask your neighbors to sign the petition and turn it in at the Building Department in the lower level of Village Hall. They will make sure it will get on the agenda for the Traffic and Safety Commission. Additionally, please remind yourselves and your neighbors to follow the posted speed limit and stop signs in our neighborhoods.

We are blessed to live in a great Village with many wonderful businesses. These businesses bring economic growth and prosperity to our Village. The jobs and sales taxes provided by the successful businesses in Oak Lawn benefit all our residents.

Please be safe and healthy this summer!



5th District Trustee
Bud Stalker

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As Spring begins, we look forward to another year of opportunities for Oak Lawn. On April 17th, Mayor Terry Vorderer and I went to the Annual Illinois Municipal League (IML) Lobby Day in Springfield. At that meeting, we heard from Governor Pritzker that he would reduce our grocery bills by eliminating the 1% sales tax that goes back to local municipalities. For Oak Lawn, this adds up to approximately $2.2 million dollars that would annually be returned to the Village. This loss of revenue for our Village would have to be made up with higher municipal taxes or significant cuts in services. Based on Senator Cunningham's later comments, he believes that the legislature will not approve this proposal, and Governor Pritzker can then say he tried to reduce your taxes but the legislature would not allow it.

Another issue that was discussed was the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). When Illinois initiated the State Income Tax, it promised municipalities a 10% share to help reduce property taxes. We have used it that way ever since. Later, that shared portion was reduced to about 5%. Currently, because of strong IML lobbying, the shared LGDF funds are only about 6.47% for residents. We need to get it back to 10% to keep our property taxes down for Oak Lawn residents.

On a more pleasant note, by the time this message goes out, Paisans Pizza will be open near 111th and Cicero in Oak Lawn. Before we approved building permits for this restaurant, I visited many of the existing Paisans Pizza restaurants in the surrounding areas, and I can tell you that they have a great menu, fun designed buildings, and I can't wait to give them a try. Please make sure you give them a try too.

Have a great Spring and Summer!



6th District Trustee
Ralph Soch

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As summer is finally approaching we are ready to get outside and enjoy outdoor activities, one of the first events is the St. Catherine's Carnival. This year it runs from June 5th to June 9th. Fun days filled with great food, entertaining bands, and lots of fun rides for the kids. Then Saturday, June 29th is our 4th of July Parade and concert. I hope to see many of you at these events.

We have a lot going on in Oak Lawn and District 6. The most frequent question that I get asked about is the PIE retention project. The Village of Oak Lawn is collaborating closely with its engineering firm and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) to finalize plans for the Water Retention Facility at PIE field. For additional information about this exciting project, along with construction updates, please visit www.polarisstormwater.com.

I also have some great news about the 111th and Pulaski corner when entering into Oak Lawn. The Village is working with the owner of the Ranch Manor Shopping Center to improve the southeastern entryway into the Village. Work has already begun and includes new lighting and landscaping, a redesigned walkway, and a brand new "Village of Oak Lawn" monument.

I also want to thank our first responders in Oak Lawn, as they continue to make us proud. The compliments and support we receive from our residents for both our police and fire departments is a great tribute to them. Also, come out on August 6th to our National Night Out with our Police and Fire Departments. It's a great night for families to interact with our police and fire personnel.

In closing, if you have any questions or concerns please e-mail or call me and I will do all I can to assist you. I wish everyone a safe and enjoyable summer!



Village Clerk
Claire Henning

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There are so many things to look forward to with the warmer weather finally upon us! Keep an eye out for plenty of great opportunities to get outside this summer. Whether it be 5K runs/walks, summer concerts, parades and the upcoming Fall Music Festival, there are several ways to get involved and active throughout the Village!

With the changing of the seasons, I ask residents to please be aware of your surroundings. Nicer weather brings more pedestrians to the area, so please slow down on the roads, and keep our children safe.

As a reminder, if you have any concerns, complaints, need temporary handicap placards, Freedom of Information Request forms, charitable raffle/liquor permits, notary services, or to register to vote, please contact my office at (708) 499-7738.

You can register to vote by visiting www.cookcountyclerkil.org, where you can also find information about elections and candidates.

I would like to thank all of our residents for the opportunity to serve as your Village Clerk. Thank you for your continued support.



Village Manager
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This year marks the 20th anniversary of my involvement in Village government, dating back to 2004 when I first ran for Trustee. I saw and experienced a lifetime of political drama and turmoil over the course of those 20 years, and levels of viciousness and deceit that you usually only see in movies.

Thankfully, that's all in the past, in large part thanks to the leadership of former Mayor Sandra Bury and current Mayor Terry Vorderer and the dedication and commitment of our Village Trustees. Whether it's their zero tolerance for crime, their unwavering support of our first responders, or the aggressive way they pursue new businesses, Oak Lawn has really been thriving for the past several years.

Speaking of new businesses, the owner of Paisans recently told us that if the first few weeks are any indication, the Oak Lawn Paisans will be the most successful one in their chain. And by the time you receive this newsletter *#Hashtag 95* restaurant should be open for business in the *Shops of Oak Lawn* retail center at 6200 W. 95th St. Make sure to check these 2 latest additions to the many great restaurants Oak Lawn has to offer.

Finally, later in this newsletter you will read about 2 very important matters, honoring our military and recruiting new members to our police department. Without SAFETY all else is lost, and the men and women who put their lives on the line for us every day deserve our full support and praise. If you know of an Oak Lawn resident who is serving or previously served in the US military, why not honor them with a banner? And if you know of anyone interested in law enforcement, you won't find a better police department than the one we have in Oak Lawn.

We have a full calendar of events planned for the summer – hope you can enjoy one, some, or maybe even all of them!



Public Works Director
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This is a very busy time for the Village of Oak Lawn Public Works Department as many of our annual programs are beginning. The Village Board and Manager have made the flooding problems in Oak Lawn a high priority, and the Polaris Park Storm Water Project is well into design with actual work to start late in 2024 or early 2025 (please check our website for updates).

Additionally, the sewer division is ready to start their annual sanitary sewer lining program which helps residential homes avoid sewage back up during heavy rain events by eliminating inflow and infiltration to the village's sanitary sewers. The Village's water tower at 95th & New England will be repainted to reveal a bright and clean water tower which will enhance the overall look.

Remember to sign up for the Village's "Water Smart" program which helps you combat high bills by catching costly leaks. The Oak Lawn Regional Water System has two large projects going on in Oak Lawn. The first project has been completed, which was the resurfacing of three intersections (95th & Southwest Highway ("SW Hwy"), SW Hwy & Central Ave., and SW Hwy & Cicero Ave.). The second will be embarking on bid package 5, which will insert a 60" water transmission line from Marion Ave near Ridgeland Ave to the Cal Sag Channel at SW Hwy and approx. 115th St. Our annual road resurfacing project has started, and the Village will spend over 3.1 million dollars to resurface our roadways in 2024. The public works annual spring tree planting is completed, where 38 trees were planted in honor of Arbor Day, April 26th. We still have availability for our fall planting. Please check out our new website under *Latest News* where many of these projects are regularly updated. Finally, be mindful of all the aforementioned work, and be patient while trying to get around town.

HOMETOWN HEROES BANNER PROGRAM

The Village of Oak Lawn is proud to offer a program to honor current or former Oak Lawn residents who have served or are currently serving our country in a branch of the U.S. military. Banners will be hung on street light poles throughout the Village and at the Village's discretion, and they will be displayed from Memorial Day (in May) through Veteran's Day (in Nov) for two years.

Eligibility

Current or former Oak Lawn residents who have served or are currently serving in a branch of the U.S. military:

- Army
- Navy
- Marines
- Air Force
- Coast Guard
- National Guard

Cost

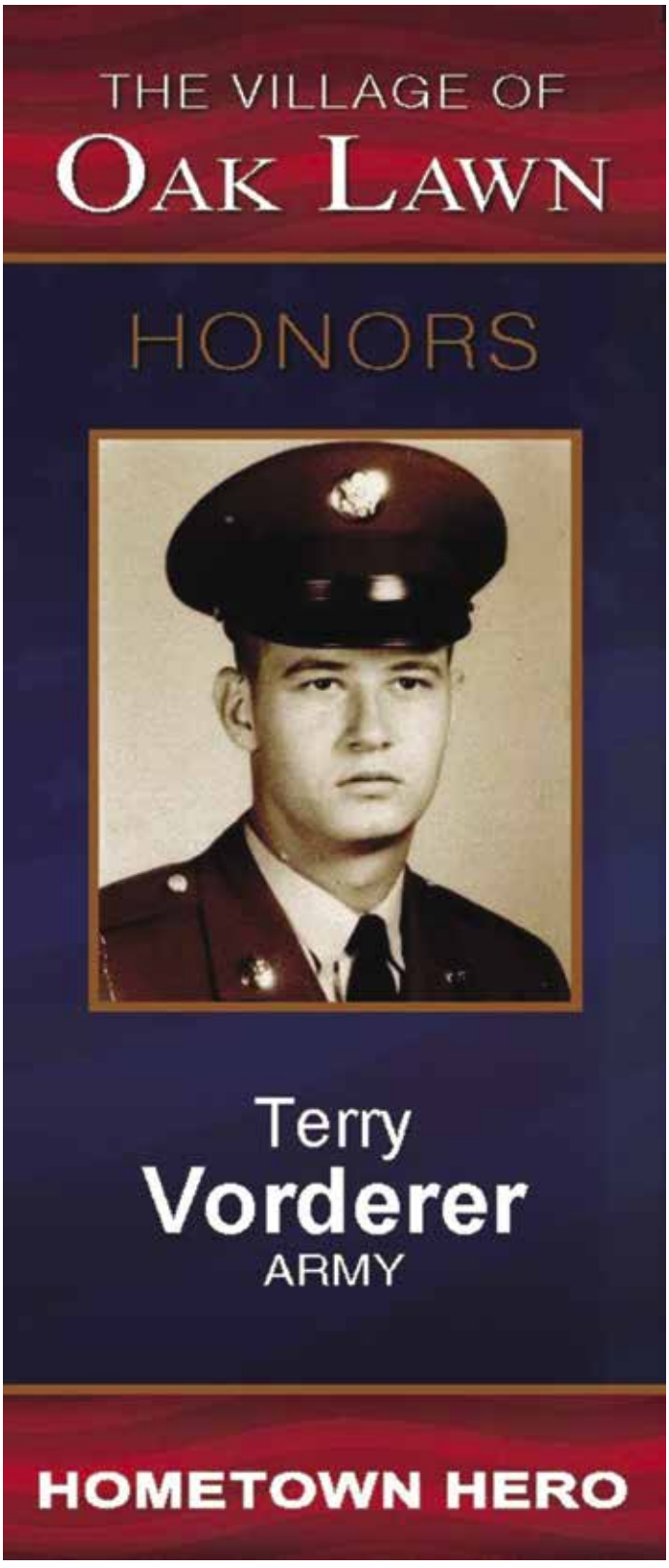
The participation fee is $100. This includes the banner production and placement by the Village of Oak Lawn. The banner will include the veteran's name, picture, and branch of service. Also, a 5x8" commemorative plaque will be donated to the family on the initial order only. Additional plaques are available for $15.00 each.

To Order a Banner

Visit our website homepage at www.oaklawn-il.gov.

Questions

If you have any questions, please call (708) 499-7742.



SUMMER









FAQ: We would like to plant a new tree in our parkway. Can the Village help?

Answer: Yes, the planting application is available on the Village website. Be sure to have your application in to the Village Hall Cashier's Desk, with payment, by September 1st to get your tree reserved. If unable to access the internet, please contact the Village Arborist, at 708-499-7098, to have one mailed.

FAQ: How do I dispose of large items (e.g. couches, appliances, mattresses, rugs, etc.?

Answer: Our waste hauler can take them, except appliances with freon (like air conditioners). To schedule a pick-up call Republic Services at 708-385-8252 three (3) days in advance of your normal garbage day.

FAQ: We have been getting sewage in our home during heavy rains. What can we do?

Answer: You may qualify for the Villages 50/50 cost share program (see page 13 for more info). Call 708-499-7748 if you have questions.

FAQ: I may have a water leak. What should I do?

Answer: The majority of the time the problem is a leaky toilet which a plumber can easily fix. Our new water meters (installed over the last 3 years) can detect leaks and send you notifications, and you can monitor your usage and get helpful tips on how to conserve water. To sign-up for this service go to www.oaklawnil.watersmart.com.

FAQ: Why was my recent water bill so high?

Answer: If you don't have a leak, your bill is likely higher due to increased usage and/or increases in rates from the City of Chicago, which just raised rates by 3.37% effective June 1st.

FAQ: What can I do about rats/rodents near our home?

Answer: The best way to eliminate rats/rodents are to eliminate their food sources and harborages. Avoid feeding wildlife, clean up after pets, and bag garbage and put in tightly covered containers. Also remove items outside your home where rodents may harbor like overgrowth, wood piles, bricks, etc.

FAQ: How do I obtain a garage sale permit?

Answer: You may apply for a permit at the Police Department front desk at least 24 hours prior to the start of your garage sale. A small $5 permit fee is due at the time of application.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS)

FAQ: How can I get new/replacement garbage/recycling bins?

Answer: Contact our Public Works Department at 708-499-7756 to arrange for replacement tote. If you need an additional tote, please call Republic Services at 708-385-8252.

FAQ: When is the next electronic waste disposal event?

Answer: Saturday, October 12th, 9 am - 12 noon, at our Public Works facility at 5500 W. 98th St. This is a drive-through service for Oak Lawn residents only (proof of residency is required), and there is a $35 charge per TV and computer monitor (debit/credit cards accepted). For more info call 708-499-7756 or visit our website at www.oaklawn-il.gov/departments/public_works.

FAQ: My neighbor's tree limbs/branches overhang my property line. Can I trim them?

Answer: Yes. By law, you have the right to trim branches and limbs that extend past the property line. However, the law only allows tree trimming and tree cutting up to the property line. You may not go onto the neighbor's property or destroy the tree.

FAQ: Our neighbor's property is in terrible condition and possibly vacant. Who should I contact?

Answer: If the grass is longer than four (4) inches and/or the property is not being maintained, email propertycomplaints@oaklawn-il.gov or call 708-499-7843. We never reveal the identity of people who make these reports, and they help keep our Village looking beautiful.

FAQ: When are the next street-sweeping dates for 2024?

Answer: July 8th - July 19th, October 14th - 25th, November 25th - December 6th. To the extent possible, please consider moving your vehicle off the street on the cleaning dates indicated in order to make the street more accessible for the cleaning. Occasionally, sweeping may be delayed for unexpected circumstances which include inclement weather.

FAQ: Do I need a permit for small construction jobs (e.g. new concrete, replacing a fence, etc.)?

Answer: Online permit applications and payments are now available on our website (www.oaklawn-il.gov) or you can contact our Building Department at 708-499-7800.

FAQ: Where can I shred some paperwork?

Answer: There will be a shredding event tentatively on October 5, 2024 at the Oak Lawn Middle School. Please check our website for updated information.









PUBLIC SAFETY

Share Your Security Camera Information



Registering your security cameras allows our department to quickly and efficiently investigate incidents that may have occurred in and around your location. You can register your Ring or other video security systems, at no cost, and we will only contact you if a crime occurs in your area.

The information you share…
…is accessible only by authorized law enforcement personnel.
…will only be shared with public safety personnel, not third parties.
…helps our Police Department keep our community safe for all of its citizens.

Register Here (it takes less than 5 minutes): oaklawn-il.gov/camera-share

You can also text tips, images, and videos to 708-613-TIPS (8477).

License Plate Readers ("LPRs")



We recently contracted with a company called "Flock Safety" that operates an automated license plate reader system which has become useful in preventing and solving crime. The shooters in the 2022 high-profile killings in Highland Park and Morris, IL were captured with the help of LPRs, which scan the license plates of vehicles coming into and leaving Oak Lawn. This real-time information is sent directly to our 911 communications center and then to our police vehicles which greatly increases our ability to catch criminals and solve crimes. The data that is captured on these cameras automatically is deleted after 30 days of non-use.

Lifesaving Tips



Always check to ensure that both your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms are plugged in, have batteries, and are fully functional. These low cost alarms save lives and are worth your time and investment. Practice your family's fire escape plan because seconds count when you are exiting a burning structure. Lastly, make sure that your bedroom doors are closed at night to prevent the spread of smoke and fire throughout your home. This simple action can save your family's lives by decreasing smoke and heat, and keeping carbon monoxide out of and oxygen in your bedrooms if a fire ever happens in your home. Make final home safety checks before going to sleep at night. Just remember, "Close Before you Doze"! Click QR Code to the right for more info.

Oak Lawn Police Scholarship Fund



The Oak Lawn Police Club is selling these lawn signs for $10 with net proceeds benefitting a local scholarship fund. If you would like to purchase a sign, you can pick one up at the Police desk at Village Hall, or email the police club president at mally@oaklawn-il.gov.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR SPECIAL EVENTS!

Event	Date	Time	Entertainment	Location
Village Green Concert	Sunday, June 2, 2024	6:00 PM	Mix Tape Junkies	Village Green
Village Green Concert	Sunday, June 23, 2024	6:00 PM	Los Tamales Jazz band	Village Green
Movie on the Green	Friday, June 28, 2024	Dusk	Trolls Band Together	Village Green
4th of July Parade	Saturday, June 29, 2024	4:00 PM	Parade	95th Street
4th of July Concert	Saturday, June 29, 2024	6:00 PM	Five Guys Named Moe	Village Green
Village Green Concert	Sunday, July 14, 2024	6:00 PM	Roundhousers	Village Green
Movie on the Green	Friday, July 19, 2024	Dusk	Paw Patrol: The Mighty Movie	Village Green
Village Green Concert	Sunday, July 21, 2024	6:00 PM	Serenity Now!	Village Green
Village Green Concert	Sunday, Aug 4, 2024	6:00 PM	Coax and Folks	Village Green
National Night Out	Tuesday, Aug 6, 2024	6:00 PM	Police and Fire Night	Village Hall Lot
Movie in the Park	Friday, Aug 16, 2024	Dusk	Migration	Centennial Park
Village Green Concert	Sunday, Aug 18, 2024	6:00 PM	Strung Out	Village Green
Fall Music Festival	Friday, Sept 6, 2024	6:00 PM	Ed Hill and The Unusuals	Tent Stage
Fall Music Festival	Friday, Sept 6, 2024	6:00 PM	Disco Heads Live	Gazebo Stage
Fall Music Festival	Friday, Sept 6, 2024	8:00 PM	All American Throwbacks	Main Stage
Fall Music Festival	Friday, Sept 6, 2024	10:00 PM	iPop	Tent Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	12:00 PM	Nectar	Gazebo Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	2:00 PM	The Priscillas	Tent Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	2:00 PM	Live Band Karaoke	Gazebo Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	4:00 PM	Buckle	Main Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	6:00 PM	Rocks Off	Tent Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	6:00 PM	The Chicago Experience	Gazebo Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	8:00 PM	7th Heaven	Main Stage
Fall Music Festival	Saturday, Sept 7, 2024	10:00 PM	Six 2 Six	Tent Stage
Fall Music Festival	Sunday, Sept 8, 2024	2:00 PM	Wayne Messmer Big Band	Main Stage
Fall Music Festival	Sunday, Sept 8, 2024	4:00 PM	The Walk-Ins	Tent Stage
Fall Music Festival	Sunday, Sept 8, 2024	4:00 PM	Motown Nation	Gazebo Stage
Fall Music Festival	Sunday, Sept 8, 2024	6:00PM	American English	Main Stage
Santa on the Green	Saturday, Dec 7, 2024	Noon	Meet Santa & Mrs. Claus	Village Green







OAK LAWN POLICE DEPARTMENT

IS NOW

RECRUITING



ENTRY-LEVEL STARTING SALARY IS $74, 761 WITH INCREASES TO $93, 216 AFTER ONE YEAR AND $111,054 AFTER 3 YEARS.

LATERAL TRANSFER STARTING SALARY IS $92,843 WITH INCREASES TO $111,054 AFTER 1 YEAR.

APPLICATIONS & ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:

WWW.OAKLAWN-IL.GOV

ENTRY & LATERAL

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Made with PosterMyWall.com

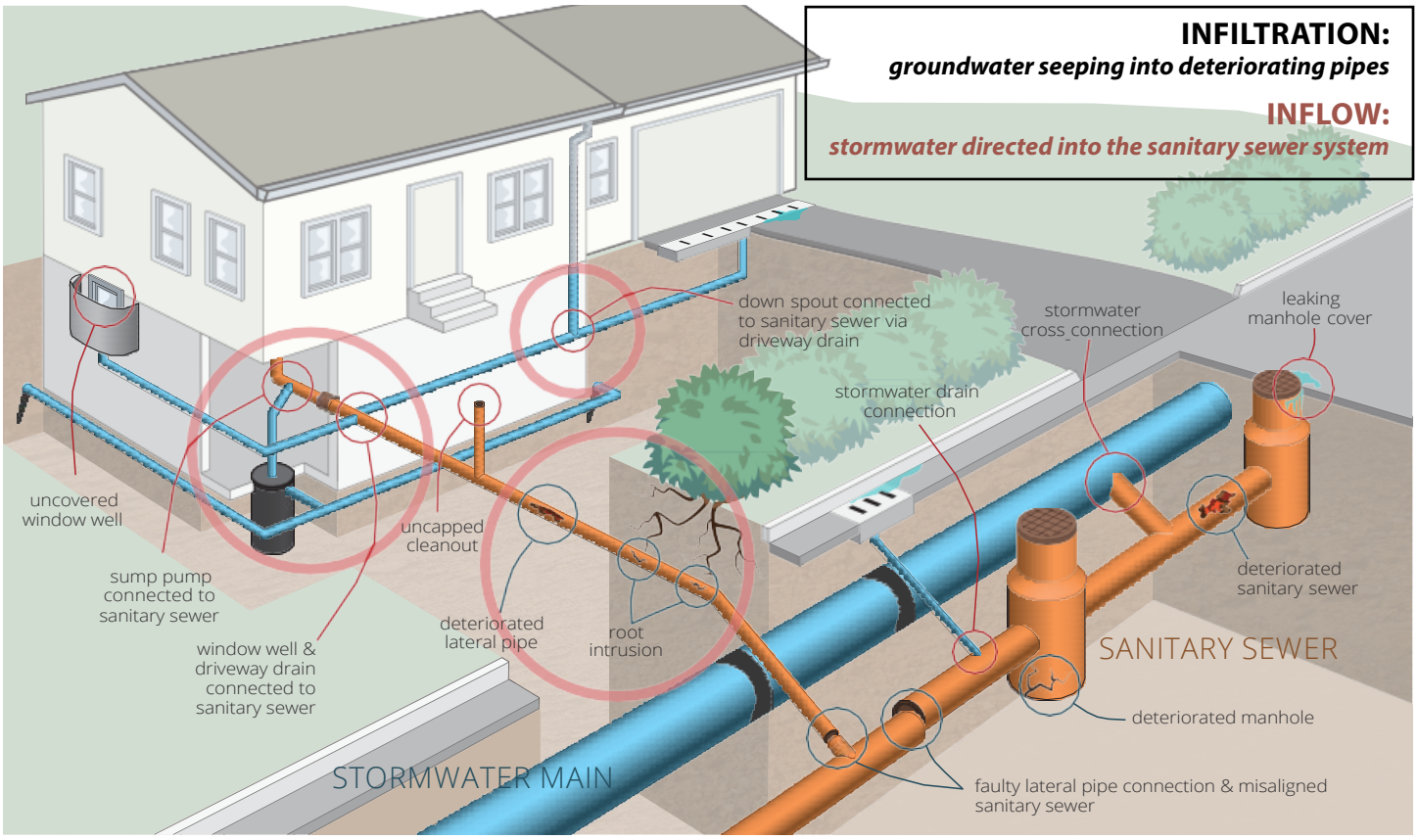
FLOODING REMEDIATION

DO YOU GET RAW SEWAGE IN YOUR HOME DURING STORMS?
Take Advantage of the Village's 50/50 Plumbing Improvement Cost-share Program

The Village has a program in place where homeowners who are experiencing raw sewage back-ups into their homes may be eligible for a 50/50 cost-share on plumbing repairs, with the Village paying half the cost of the repairs up to a cap of $5,000.

What are the primary causes of raw sewage backing up into homes?
One of the biggest causes is rain water entering the sanitary sewers via improper connections in Oak Lawn homes.

"Improper Connections"? What are those?
Clear water (e.g., non-sewage rainwater and groundwater) enters the sanitary sewer system via improper connections in homeowner's plumbing and this clear water overloads the sanitary sewer system and causes raw-sewage to back-up into basements.



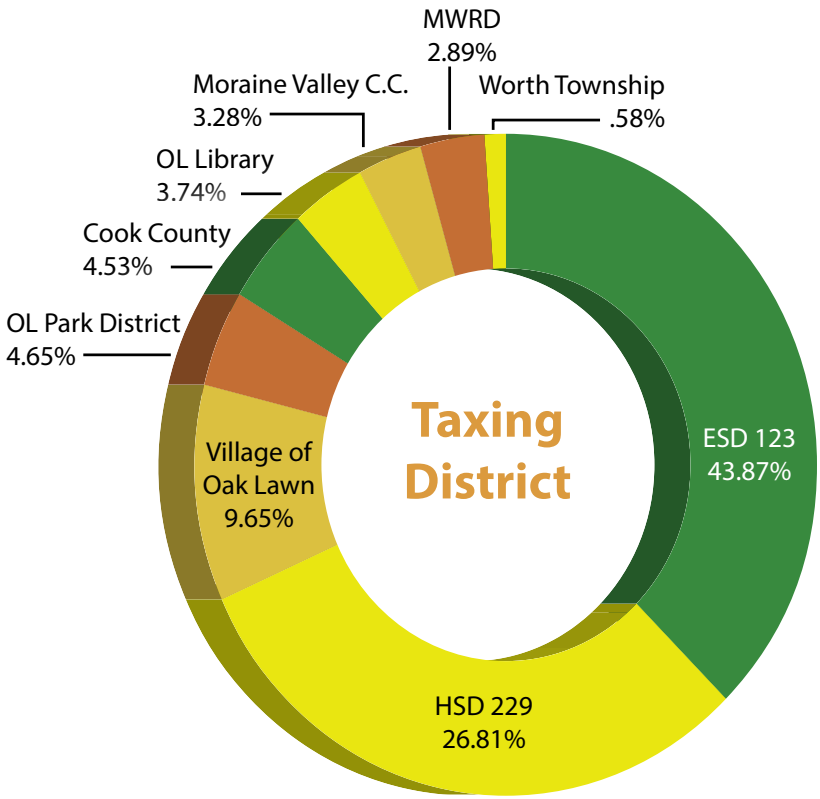
What else does the Village have planned to reduce the problem with raw sewage back-ups?
Residents who plan to sell their homes will need to pass a plumbing inspection from the Village to verify that the plumbing is not improperly connected. The results of the inspection will be included with the Village's real estate transfer stamps so both the seller and the buyer will be made aware of any problems.

So I should probably take advantage of that 50/50 cost-share program to fix my improper hook-up?
Yes, absolutely.

How do I go about checking to see if I have an improper plumbing hook-up?
Call our Public Works Department at 708-499-7748 to schedule an inspection, or visit the Village website (www.oaklawn-il.gov) for more information.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR PROPERTY TAX BILL

For many people their property tax bill is a confusing document of government mumbojumbo about levies and funding levels and pension obligations. Most people just want to know, "Where is my money going?", and many wrongly assume that most of their taxes go to the Village of Oak Lawn, which is not the case. The pie-chart to the right shows the percentage of taxes that were paid to the various taxing bodies in 2022 for a typical home in Oak Lawn. This typical home is in Elementary School District 123 and High School District 229 (Oak Lawn H.S.) but the conclusions will also hold true for homes in other parts of Oak Lawn.



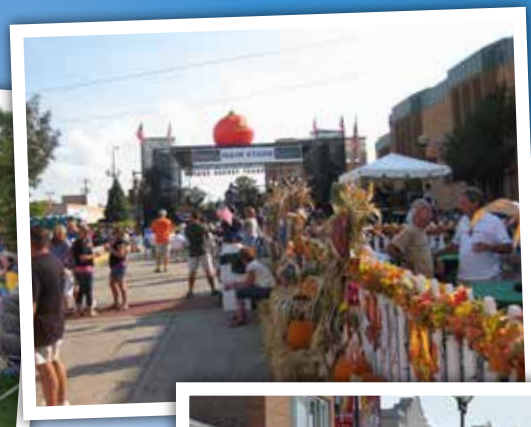
Historical Oak Lawn Taxing District Property Tax Levies

Tax Levy Year	**Village of OL**	ESD 122	ESD 123	ESD 125	ESD 126	ESD 127.5	CHSD 218	CHSD 229	OL Park Dist	OL Library
2010	**$15,032,481**	$20,528,139	$30,473,139	$5,148,528	$20,661,057	$6,612,999	$75,135,718	$22,769,049	$5,211,614	$5,086,065
2011	**$15,081,510**	$20,759,914	$31,381,611	$5,218,996	$21,021,771	$6,659,737	$76,489,576	$23,113,657	$5,368,013	$5,192,203
2012	**$15,186,812**	$21,299,133	$33,154,340	$5,414,229	$21,680,659	$6,838,785	$78,816,786	$23,963,808	$5,628,339	$5,370,242
2013	**$14,884,357**	$21,702,703	$33,641,832	$5,495,443	$22,105,691	$6,940,231	$81,082,431	$24,383,470	$5,775,331	$5,513,532
2014	**$14,649,795**	$21,977,305	$34,921,261	$5,568,540	$22,436,678	$7,040,705	$82,559,625	$24,861,293	$5,838,044	$5,636,876
2015	**$14,357,935**	$22,025,768	$35,189,335	$5,607,071	$22,701,460	$7,095,482	$83,633,247	$25,111,065	$5,868,184	$5,703,837
2016	**$14,314,570**	$22,144,209	$35,447,453	$5,644,716	$22,012,875	$7,138,975	$85,499,274	$25,488,364	$5,914,544	$5,699,130
2017	**$14,309,830**	$22,545,763	$37,019,211	$5,750,564	$22,562,529	$7,296,067	$87,979,053	$26,051,174	$6,077,069	$5,833,004
2018	**$14,246,070**	$22,785,567	$37,690,119	$5,855,680	$23,073,619	$7,454,361	$79,527,355	$24,226,077	$6,245,481	$5,861,964
2019	**$14,240,180**	$23,408,343	$38,344,736	$5,955,434	$23,630,977	$7,571,717	$88,832,040	$27,365,371	$6,397,094	$5,923,823
2020	**$14,909,561**	$23,885,244	$39,488,723	$6,077,837	$24,205,104	$7,730,775	$92,826,261	$28,097,163	$6,553,913	$5,571,329
2021	**$14,910,779**	$24,161,772	$40,000,581	$6,198,023	$24,592,806	$7,594,385	$90,565,782	$28,488,255	$6,735,733	$5,680,874
2022*	**$14,917,076**	$25,110,661	$41,262,773	$6,569,807	$25,883,598	$7,885,651	$97,984,889	$30,728,634	$7,134,426	$5,787,826

*Source: Cook County Clerk, Office of Tax Extension - 2023 Data Not Available Yet



















Did You Know?

- Oak Lawn is the 22nd largest municipality in Illinois with a population of 58,362 people (2020 Census).
- Our Village is governed by 6 Trustees and a Mayor who acts as a tiebreaker on votes, and we employ a full-time Village Manager to run the Village's day-to-day operations.
- Oak Lawn has almost 900 licensed businesses, more than 20 excellent schools, an award-winning park district and children's museum, and a vibrant theater community.
- We have a world-class, Level-1 Trauma and Medical Center (Advocate-Christ) and our emergency response personnel (Police, Fire and 911 Dispatchers) are the envy of the Southland.
- We are the home of musicians Kevin Cronin (REO Speedwagon) and Dan Donegan (Disturbed); Superbowl-winning L.A. Rams Defensive Line Coach Kevin Carberry, and NFL players Dave Diehl, Ryan Donahue, Dwayne Goodrich, and Mark Donahue; NBA L.A. Laker C.J. Kupec; MLB players Rob Mackowiak and Bryan Rekar; professional boxer Mike Mollo; and U.S. Olympians Barbara Schaaf, Ixhelt Gonzalez, and Leslie Cichocki.
- Other famous athletes and entertainers are products of Oak Lawn schools including Dwyane Wade and Kanye West.
- Oak Lawn's real estate market has been red-hot! Since January of 2022 there were more than 3,000 real estate transactions in Oak Lawn, many selling at or above list price and within days of their listings.
- Oak Lawn's Property Tax Rate is LOWER today than it was almost 15 years ago (in 2010).
- In 2017, Oak Lawn was named one of the Safest Cities in America AND the Hottest Growth Area in the Chicagoland area.

So, whether you're a life-long resident or a relative newcomer, there has never been a better time to live in Oak Lawn!







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