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The Oak Leaf

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President's Message

Great Scott!!

Things are really hopping in the Progressive Village here. We're kicking off the first issue of the Oak Leaf for 2015 with the largest issue I remember us having at a whopping 20 pages, but there's a lot to cover. In this issue we have a lot of people with a lot to say. Updates are included from the Oakwood Communication, Social, and Lake Management Committees. Westmont Village Trustee, Oakwood resident, Oak Leaf contributor, and someone I'm proud to call friend, Bob Scott has his last "From the Village" article, while Steve Nero, another Westmont Village Trustee and Oakwood resident picks up the reigns. Steve's contribution this month includes information on the upcoming Stormwater referendum which many of you have been asking about. Gregg Pill updates us on what's going on locally from the Planning and Zoning Commission, and Marie Charlton has quite the update from Community Unit School District 201.

There are numerous upcoming events that everyone in Oakwood should be sure to be getting on their calendar:

- **March 22**: Oakwood Bowling (see p. 2)
- **March 28**: Oakwood Easter Egg Hunt (see back cover)
- **April 7**: Election Day
- **April 18**: Illinois Reads (see p. 12)
- **April 20**: OHA Annual Meeting
- **May 24**: St. Jude's Race to the Flag (see p. 8)
- **May 30**: Oakwood Fishing Derby/Beach Party

There are other meetings and events covered throughout this issue, so please dig in!

Welcome to new advertiser HarmonyHair.com in this issue. The advertisers help cover much of the cost of this newsletter… please be sure to thank them when given the chance!

Also in this issue we have the annual audit of the OHA which we have to publish, as well as our 2015 budget. These can be found starting on pages 14 and 19 respectively.

So, that's about enough out of me… dig in, Oakwood!!

-Matt "20 pages?!?" Johnson
OHA Board President

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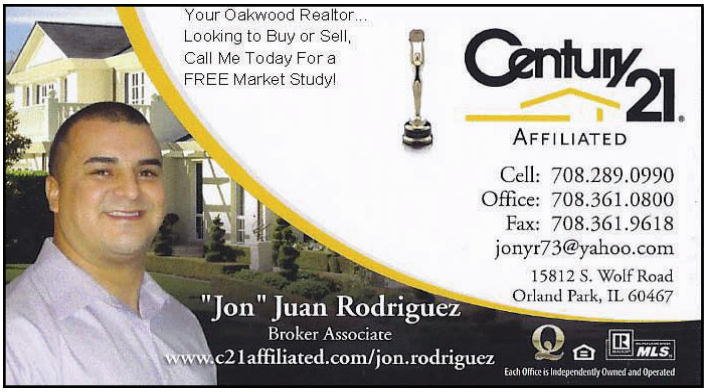
Oakwood - Communications Committee

Running Silent

There's something sadly ironic about starting a Communications Committee update addressing a lack of communication. As of December, the OHA lost access to our e-mail service. We have been striving to have this corrected, which goes hand in hand with the rollout of our new website, but there have been a slew of delays. Unfortunately, we were not able to get word out sufficiently to most of you, and we realize that some people have been trying to reach us through our e-mail address and through the contact portion of our site, neither of which we have had access to. This is a big problem, and we know it, and I personally want to extend my apologies to anyone who has tried to reach us as we have not been able to get your messages.

Be aware that other forums for community communication are doing well, including our community on NextDoor.com, which many of you have signed up for and connected on for many things. I need to get more in there myself.

-Matt "not giving up" Johnson
Communications Chair



Oakwood - Social Committee

Get your calendars out!

We have a number of events you'll want to be putting on your calendars as we roll into 2015.

- March 22: Oakwood Bowling! We'll be getting together at Suburbanite Bowl for a community event! Details and RSVP information to the right. →
- March 28: Oakwood Easter Egg Hunt. Our annual Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 28th starting at 10:00 am. Be sure to RSVP to get a special gift basket. Details on back cover.
- May 30: Oakwood Fishing Derby/Beach Party. This summer kickoff event is scheduled for the Saturday after Memorial Day. Watch your mail as well as our Website and FaceBook page for more details closer to the date!

Oakwood Bowling

Bring the kids. Bring the grandparents and friends and join us for a bowling bonanza with your Oakwood neighbors!

Suburbanite Bowl will take your RSVP until 3/15/15 at **630 968-2200;** 201 W. Ogden Ave., Westmont.
$13.50 a person includes shoes.
Pay inside. See you there!

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- William Lake, Burgess Square patient

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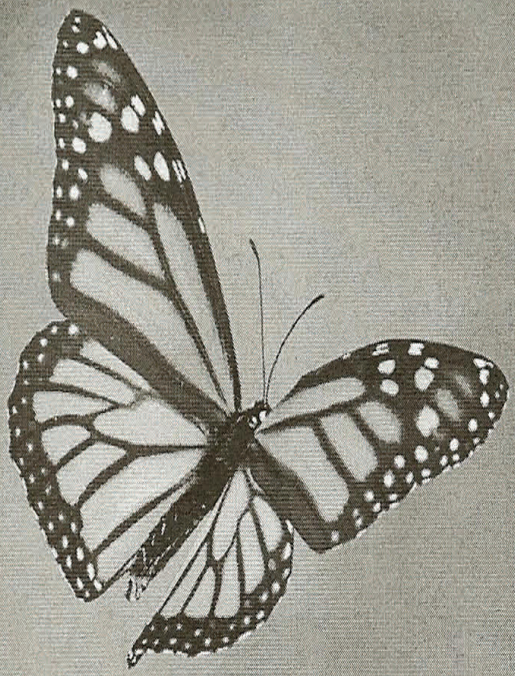
- Kathleen Payne, Burgess Square patient



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Oakwood - Lake Management Committee

We have Babies!

One of the dreams of the OHA Lake Committee has been to foster an environment which would support the reproduction of desirable fish species.

We meet regularly, we discuss water temperatures, the amount of dissolved oxygen, chemical and dye control of invasive plants and algae, fish stocking and feeding, fish cribs, and the beauty of Lake Charles. It's really similar to what parents do as they think about planning for and caring for children.

And this winter, of all times, we have proof of our efforts! We are proud to announce the birth of babies in Lake Charles! Baby largemouth Bass!

In late January, during an adventurous ice fishing expedition on Lake Charles, this baby (and a sibling) were snagged and photographed for posterity by Brad Alexander and Doug Schwegman (pictured at right). This photo is actually an optical illusion... kind of like holding the moon in your hand (in reverse).

The Lake Charles baby Bass are about 3" long, but what this means is that all the efforts are paying off! All the work to keep the aerators going, to make sure that we don't put too many chemicals in the lake, to get the kind of fish that can be sustained... It's working! We've got babies!!!

Please help us protect our babies: Please clear off ice on the lake to ice skate or just walk around, as the light helps photosynthesis under the ice (which produces oxygen to support our babies). Please crimp the barbs on your hooks so you can easily catch and release. Please help us with the beauty and health of the lake by policing what goes into it (no trash or unnecessary fertilizer or chemicals).

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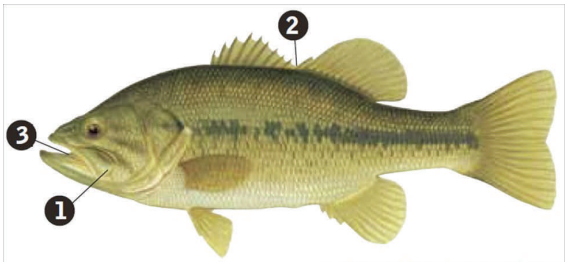
Oakwood - Lake Management Committee

So, why it is great to have Largemouth in our neighborhood lake? Largemouth bass are considered an indicator species for water quality. A healthy Largemouth population generally means that water quality is good. Also, Largemouth bass are the most popular freshwater game fish throughout most of the US. Bring your fishing rod to any of the available fishing sites around Lake Charles and try to catch one. Be sure to release the fish once you remove the hook. All Oakwood bass are strictly catch & release fish. Here is a quick guide to identifying this species.



LARGEMOUTH BASS

1. Upper jaw extends beyond back of eye, 2. Dorsal fins separated by deep notch, 3. Tongue usually without tooth patch

Graphic at left courtesy of the Kentucky Department of Fish & Wildlife Resources

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Westmont News: From the Village Board

Our local election will be upon us in a couple of months and there will be one returning and two new faces on the Village Board. Trustee Steve Nero (Oakwood resident) will be returning for his second term. Linda Little and Marie Guzzo will be joining Steve as new board members, as all three are running unopposed. I have decided to not seek a third term. I leave knowing that Westmont is in good hands under the very capable leaderships of Mayor Ron Gunter, Village Manager Steve May & the entire Village Board. It's been my honor representing you and having your support these past eight years.

Bob Scott - Oakwood Resident

Westmont News: From the Village Board

Hello neighbors! To begin, I would like to sincerely thank my colleague Trustee Bob Scott for his many years of service to Westmont. He is an asset to our community and will be missed on the Village Board. With that being said, I have offered to continue his tradition and write a short Village update for each Oak Leaf publication. If you ever have additional questions, feel free to reach out to me anytime.

Stormwater Infrastructure Referendum

The Village has scheduled several community information presentations regarding the upcoming Stormwater-Infrastructure 1/2% Sales Tax Referendum. Per the wording in the referendum, all monies generated by this sales tax would be dedicated to stormwater management and public infrastructure only. If you have missed the presentations given thus far, there will be two more before Election Day.

March 1st, 2pm - Westmont Library, 428 N. Cass
March 26th, 6:30pm - Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy

STORMWATER-INFRASTRUCTURE SALES TAX REFERENDUM FACTS

- Westmont voters will be able to vote on the 1/2% local general sales tax referendum on April 7, 2015
- Per the language in the referendum, future Village Boards will NOT be authorized to re-direct any of the monies received through this sales tax
- Per the language in the referendum, future Village Boards will NOT have the authority to increase the tax rate percentage - it will remain at 1/2%
- The Stormwater-Infrastructure Sales Tax revenue source will grow as the economy grows
- Collection of a Stormwater-Infrastructure Sales Tax will be mostly administered through the State, thus, not creating a heavy burden on staff to collect the revenue
- The set-up of a Stormwater-Infrastructure Sales Tax, which may only take a few months, will be much easier compared to other options that were considered, thus allowing the Village to get started on working on Stormwater Management issues quickly if approved
- The Stormwater-Infrastructure Sales Tax direct impact to local businesses will be far less when compared to other options that were considered - Businesses will only be affected in terms of participating in the collection of the sales tax
- Residents and visitors will pay this tax (half a penny on the dollar) when making retail purchases in the community
- The Village currently has a Places For Eating Tax

rate of 1.5%, which impacts about 125 businesses - the Stormwater-Infrastructure Sales Tax will be a tax in addition to the Places For Eating Tax for these businesses

- The vast majority of DuPage municipalities already have and benefit from a local general sales tax (Westmont currently does not)
- The majority of DuPage municipalities that have a local general sales tax has a rate of 1% or more; the Village of Westmont is proposing 1/2%, which is half of what most communities charge
- Purchases made in Westmont by non-residents will also contribute to this revenue stream

Village Budget Workshops

Each year, the Village Staff and Village Board work together to develop and adopt the annual budget. The Village Budget is typically adopted in May and runs through April of the following year. The creation of the budget takes many months of preparation. The public is invited to attend and participate. For those who cannot attend, the meetings will be recorded and made available for playback on the Village YouTube Channel. If you can attend, the following is an upcoming schedule:

April 6th, 5:30PM - Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy
April 7th, 5:30PM - Village Hall, 31 W. Quincy

Westmont Looking for Blockheads

The Westmont First Committee is looking to recruit BLOCKHEADS. This important program will help grow our community and improve communication throughout the neighborhoods. To sign up for the BLOCKHEAD Program, please contact the Village at communications@westmont.il.gov or 630-981-6245.Blockheads will help with the following:

- **COMMUNICATE -** Assist with communicating important community information to & from your neighborhood
- **COORDINATE -** Help coordinate events & programs such as Block Parties, Community Garage Sales, & Adopt-A-Hydrant
- **CARE -** Be part of our Neighborhood Pride Program and help promote community programs such as Leaf Raking & Alley/Neighborhood Clean -up and more

2015 Community Awards Dinner

The Chamber of Commerce & Tourism Bureau will host their annual Westmont Community Awards Dinner on Wednesday, March 25, from 6-9 p.m. at the Hilton Chicago/Oak Brook Hills Resort & Conference Center. Tickets are available through the Chamber website at westmontchamber.com. This is always a great opportunity to recognize some of Westmont's amazing residents, businesses and public servants. Don't miss out on this fun event. Reserve your ticket through the Westmont Chamber today!

Regards,
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Oakwood to Host 5K Race in Support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

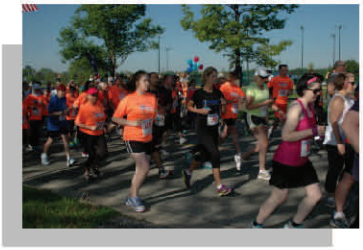
On Sunday, May 24th at 8am, Oakwood will once again play host to the 6th annual Race to the Flag 5K Race in support of St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. The race is part of the Red, White and BBQ Event hosted at TY that weekend featuring premier BBQ contestants in a sanctioned National BBQ Event.

About the Event…

The 6th annual Race to The Flag 5K Run/Walk will once again begin and end at beautiful TY Warner Park and travel throughout the Oakwood subdivision. Part of the Red, White and BBQ weekend, race participants join the Lion's club pancake breakfast in the park immediately following the race. The event is a fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and is supported by many Westmont organizations and associations. Race to The Flag is a CARA &USATF certified event and the first 400 participants receive a beautiful race shirt, a breakfast ticket and sponsor information all while supporting a great cause as well as personal & family fitness.

About St. Jude….

St. Jude is unlike and other pediatric treatment and research facility. Discoveries made here have completely changed how the world treats children with cancer and other catastrophic diseases. With research and patient care under one roof, St. Jude is where some of today's most gifted researchers are able to apply science more quickly…a place where cutting edge research and revolutionary discoveries happen every day. All patients accepted for treatment at St. Jude are treated without regard to the families' ability to pay.

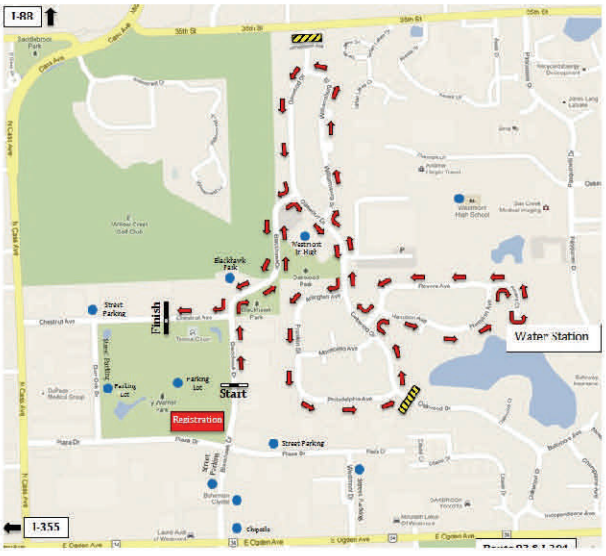


Recap of 2014 Race….

- 368 registered runner
- $10,200 raised for St. Jude Children's Hospital
- Awards for overall male & female winner and various age groups
- Awards for male & female winner in 5 year increments
- Participants as young as 4 years old and as experienced as 78 years old

How to get involved….

Oakwood residents have many ways to get involved. All ages are welcome to enter to run or walk by signing up at www.racetotheflag.org. Sponsorship information is also available on the same website. You can also join us on our new Facebook page at www.facebook.com. With the weather forecasted to be near perfect, take your choice. Set-up a few lawn chairs in front of your house if you are on the race route and cheer the runners and walkers on or walk up to TY and join the festivities at the start & finish lines! It would also be nice for Oakwood residents to display the American Flag in honor of the event. There will also be a pancake breakfast sponsored by the Westmont Lions Club. Tickets for the breakfast are available at the park or included for all race participants.



Westmont News: From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission

Hoping everyone enjoyed the holiday season and that we let Boston enjoy the remainder of the snow for this season! December through February was uneventful in terms of Planning and Zoning with only a few projects brought before the commission. All P&Z meetings are open to the public and all residents and community members are encouraged to attend our meetings and offer feedback on any project. Agendas are posted on-line a few weeks prior to our monthly meetings and during the meeting, time for public comment is always made available.

Our December meeting granted a recommendation for a remodel of one of the larger apartment complexes on the southwest side of town to a new owner. New clubhouses, amenities and landscaping were all part of the plan.

January featured a commissioner education on beekeeping and raising chickens. The new owners and management of The Oak Brook Hills Hilton would like to incorporate locally raised honey into their resort. The executive chef is a licensed beekeeper and made a great presentation on how it would work. Of course, Oak Brook Hills has lots of space to work with so the challenge was to create wording for an ordinance that the Village Board would review.

Oak Brook Hills would have up to ten separate hives. The harvested honey would be used locally by the executive chef in the dining room as well as the pastry kitchen. It would be a nice touch added to their wedding packages as well as provide a local product for their gift shop. There was even a discussion of using a small amount of the local honey in conjunction with a Westmont brew from Urban Legend, our local microbrewery. The Village Board did ultimately approve the ordinance.

We also discussed raising chickens on private property. This was a much more detailed discussion that included a review of the various ordinances in neighboring towns. This has become quite popular in the suburban area with many towns adopting ordinances. For the record, roosters are prohibited so there will not be any waking up with the sunrise! After an hour or so of testimony and research related commentary, we postponed this one to February as more research was needed.

I was absent for the February meeting but the P&Z Commission did provide a recommendation to the Village Board on the chicken ordinance.

A few updates – Wendy's opened up over the holidays – Hardee's has signs up at the old Arby's building and expects a You-Pick-The-Month opening – Connie's & Potbelly have demo'd the old building and are in construction and will be joined by a 3rd tenant, Orange Theory Fitness – People's Resource Center has closed on their new property on Chestnut and have begun interior renovation for an expanded occupancy in early 2015 – Mariano's has completed purchase of the Village owned property on 63rd Street just west of Cass Ave for a proposed Spring 2016 opening – Fresh Thyme Market is well underway on Ogden Avenue just east of Fairview in Downer's Grove – Napleton Porsche has purchased the old motel at 115 E Ogden Ave and demo'd the building in preparation for expanded parking for both employees and inventory – the owner of Papa Passero's is planning on opening two new video gaming sites with food on the south side of town – Community Bank of DuPage has been acquired by Byline Bank and is in the middle of a conversion of the 23 W Quincy location across from the train station.

Gone but not forgotten – Amici's Italian Deli on 63rd Street and Jimmy Island Grill on Ogden and Pasquinelli are both closed.

The Village of Westmont Planning and Zoning Commission meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00pm in the Village Hall. All meetings are televised live on local cable access channel 6 and then replayed at 10:00am Monday through Friday. Agenda items are then sent to the Village Board with the comments of the Commission for final disposition. You can also view the agenda on the Village website – www.westmont.il.gov. The next meeting will take place March 11th followed by April 8th – tune in!

Gregg Pill – Oakwood Resident

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Westmont News: School District 201

Community Unit School District 201 Meets and Exceeds State Standards.

There are many exciting things happening at **CUSD 201**, and I am happy to share them with the Oakwood community.

WESTMONT HIGH SCHOOL *ROCKS* IN ACADEMICS – In 2014 the High School can boast the following:

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Best Test Scores in School History
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WESTMONT HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL - WHS will present the musical "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" on Friday, March 6 @7:00pm, Saturday, March 7 @7:00pm and Sunday, March 8 @2:00pm. Tickets will be available at the door or you can call 630.468.8165 to reserve tickets.

CUSD 201 FINE ARTS FESTIVAL - There will be a District-wide Fine Arts Festival on Wednesday, March 25 @7:00pm at the High School and the community is invited to see the talents of our students. There will be choral performances, band performances and art works from students throughout the entire District.

ILLINOIS READS - Our School District has been chosen to host the first ever "Illinois Reads" event to be held on Saturday, April 18 from 10:00am – 1:00pm at the High School. This event will focus on reading from infancy to adulthood, with an eye towards Illinois authors. Dignitaries from all over the state will be attending and the community is also invited. (See full article in this Newsletter)

REFERENDUM UPDATES - The Board of Education has heard the community! We have sought feedback on our previous Referendum question and we have LISTENED. A *NEW UPDATED* version will be on the April 7th ballot. The price tag has been reduced from $26 million to $19.7 million – while at the same time preserving the integrity of the focus on safety and the learning spaces for our students. The work that has been removed from this updated plan will be done over the course of years with bond money.

The District will be hosting *"Show and Tell"* Building Tours at the schools and the dates are listed below. We invite the entire community to attend the walking tours of each of our schools and see for yourself what improvements are NEEDED in our buildings.

LEARNING ENVIRONMENT - For years the community has begged the School District to fix the structural problems at the High School! We listened and we installed exterior windows. The next main issue is to install walls and doors - and NOW is the time to do that. Some members of the community were around when Westmont High School was built, and from what I understand there were objections to the open-floor plan – BUT, now WE can fix that. In case some don't understand this concept, we still have many classrooms that do not have walls or doors! The noise from one room filters throughout the halls of the school. Our desire is to give our stu-

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cus and understand without outside distractions. It must be extremely hard for students to comprehend their studies when there is the hustle and bustle of an active school going on right outside their open class! The Junior High School also is in need of enclosing the rest of their classrooms, and that project is also in the plans.

SAFETY - The area of **utmost importance** is the safety of our students while they are in our schools. Currently 3 of our 5 schools do not have safe, secure entrances for visitors and students. The community has also begged the School District for years to address the safety issues, and NOW is the time to fix that! Today at Manning and Miller Elementary schools, as well as the High School, we do not have the safest entryways. A visitor does need to be "buzzed" into our buildings, however an un-invited guest could be in a classroom or throughout the building in a matter of seconds. Our hope is to fix that and create modern entrances so that all visitors must go through a supervised Main Office. The plans also call for safety film on all first floor windows and doors to deter an intruder of gaining access by breaking glass.

The issue of safety in our schools and creating the best learning environment for our students is one of the highest priorities for the Board of Education and we invite ALL to attend one of our updated presentations listed below. Please be an informed voter and help us make our schools the BEST THAT THEY CAN BE!

CUSD 201 UPDATED Referendum Informational Meetings

Monday, March 2nd @7:00pm – PTO Meeting at Manning
Monday, March 9th @7:00pm – PTO Meeting at Junior High
Wednesday, March 11th @7:00pm – "Show & Tell" Building Tour and Meeting at the High School
Tuesday, March 17 @7:00pm – PTO Meeting at Miller
Wednesday, March 18th @7:00pm – "Show & Tell" Building Tours and Meetings at Manning and Miller

EARLY CHILDHOOD ACCOLADES - Our Early Childhood Program has recently received the "Gold Circle of Quality" award from ExceleRate Illinois, and this is the highest recognition an early childhood program can receive. This award recognizes programs that meet or go beyond the highest quality goals. Our program has met the highest standards in the areas of learning environment and teacher quality, administrative standards and staff training and education.

WESTMONT JUNIOR HIGH - Our Junior High also has a few highlights to share as well. On March 23rd @6:30pm, there will be a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) evening planned for the students and their families. Also on that evening, they will host a wheelchair basketball game. And, our 7th graders will be traveling to Springfield, IL on May 6th, and our 8th graders will be traveling to Washington, DC on April 16-18, all in the hopes of learning about how our state and government work.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS - Just a reminder, all Board of Education meetings are open to the Public and Meeting dates can be found here http://www.cusd201.org/Page/1127. In addition, if you cannot attend a Meeting, you can view it on cable on Channel 6 or you can view it via our website at the same page as listed above.

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CUSD 201 Board of Education President

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Illinois Reads Launch in Westmont, Illinois
YOU are the key to our success!

The kick-off launch of the 2015 Illinois READS initiative will be held at Westmont High School on April 18th from 10:00 a.m.-1 p.m.

Introduced by the IRC (Illinois Reading Council) in 2013, the Illinois READS program encourages people to read books by Illinois authors. Each year, the program offers a new list of books at six different age levels, from birth to adult. Family literacy, classroom literacy, and summer reading are the focal points of the organization.

At the event, over 500 visitors from all over the state will enjoy Illinois author book talks, autograph sessions, entertainment such as the Jesse White Tumblers, visits from local/state legislatures, and even famous athletes such as a 1985 Chicago Bears player. Concessions will be featured and sold from local Westmont restaurants.

Book clubs are also forming throughout the community, for all ages, in preparation for the exciting day.

Hosting this inaugural event is a tremendous honor for our school district and community, as it will be the first time the Illinois Reading Council introduces their event in a community-wide setting. Of all of the potential communities in our state, Westmont was chosen as the premier event location.

Congratulations, Westmont! We are the first!

Now it's time to set the stage and show the state what an extraordinary community we have through the promotion of literacy across our village.

Hope to see you and your family there!

Committees are forming to plan the event. If you would like to participate in the planning process, please contact Amy Quattrone, Assistant Principal of Westmont Junior High at aquattrone@cusd201.org or at 630-468-8200.

For more information, visit www.illinoisreads.org.

Westmont News

A frozen Lake Charles here in Oakwood makes for some fun winter activities. Many thanks to Bob Scott for the following photos of Oakwood residents ice fishing, skating, and just enjoying all the ice!

Oakwood Homeowners Association

The OHA is on Facebook now. Follow us at

http://www.facebook.com/OakwoodHomeownersAssociation

to stay up to date with notices on events and relevant news for our neighborhood.

Oakwood News: 2014 Audit

OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION

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To The Board of Directors of:
Oakwood Homeowners Association

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances of Oakwood Homeowners Association (An Illinois Not-For Profit Corporation) as at December 31, 2014 and the related statements of Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis, and Schedule of Detailed Expenses - Cash Basis for the year ended December 31, 2014. These financial statements are the responsibility of the management of Oakwood Homeowners Association. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 2, these financial statements were prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

In our opinion the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Oakwood Homeowners Association at December 31, 2014, and the results of its operations and its cash flow for the period ended December 31, 2014 in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The information included in the accompanying supplementary exhibits is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information, except for the budget information, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The budget information has not been subjected to the above-mentioned auditing procedures, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Very Truly Yours,

G. James Kmetz

Certified Public Accountant
Willowbrook, Illinois
February 19, 2015

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OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
(An Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation)
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE
CASH BASIS
As at December 31, 2014

	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT FUND	TOTAL
ASSETS			
CURRENT ASSETS			
CASH & CASH EQUIVALENTS	$ 24,465	$ 0	$ 24,465
INVESTMENTS	0	99,314	99,314
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	$ 24,465	$ 99,314	$ 123,779
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 24,465	$ 99,314	$ 123,779
LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE			
FUND BALANCE	24,465	99,314	123,779
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	$ 24,465	$ 99,314	$ 123,779

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements

OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
(An Illinois Not-For-Profit Corporation)
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
CASH BASIS
December 31, 2014

	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT FUND	TOTAL	(UNAUDITED) BUDGET
REVENUES				
HOMEOWNERS ASSESSMENTS	$ 56,391	$ 0	$ 56,391	$ 56,600
INTEREST	16	305	321	0
ADVERTISING - DIRECTORY	1,470	0	1,470	1,280
LEGAL FEES	140	0	140	0
TOTAL REVENUES	$ 58,017	$ 305	$ 58,322	$ 57,880
EXPENSES				
ADMINISTRATIVE	$ 20,245	$ 0	$ 20,245	$ 22,555
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	33,327	0	33,327	33,740
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 53,572	$ 0	$ 53,572	$ 56,295
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	$ 4,445	$ 305	$ 4,750	$ 1,585
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2013	$ 27,007	$ 92,022	$ 119,029	
TRANSFER BETWEEN FUNDS	$ (6,987)	$ 6,987	$ 0	
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	0	0	0	
FUND BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 2014	$ 24,465	$ 99,314	$ 123,779	

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OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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SCHEDULE OF EXPENSES, DETAIL
CASH BASIS
December 31, 2014

	OPERATING FUND	REPLACEMENT FUND	TOTAL	(UNAUDITED) BUDGET
ADMINISTRATIVE:				
ACCOUNTING & AUDIT	$ 3,040	$ 0	$ 3,040	$ 3,000
BANK CHARGES	109	0	109	165
BAD DEBT	180	0	180	1,000
COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION	1,051	0	1,051	1,445
INSURANCE - GENERAL	6,273	0	6,273	6,500
LEGAL & PROFESSIONAL	505	0	505	500
LICENSES & FEES	0	0	0	275
MEETINGS & EVENTS	5,183	0	5,183	5,780
MEMBER/RESIDENT DIRECTORY	1,647	0	1,647	0
POSTAGE	252	0	252	275
PRINTING & NEWSLETTERS	2,005	0	2,005	3,415
WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT	0	0	0	200
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	$ 20,245	$ 0	$ 20,245	$ 22,555
REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE:				
REPAIRS & MAIN. - BEACH	$ 3,500	$ 0	$ 3,500	$ 2,000
REPAIRS & MAIN. - LAKE CHARLES	14,260	0	14,260	13,840
REPAIRS & MAIN. - EASTERN SHORELINE	215	0	215	500
REPAIRS & MAIN. - COMMON AREA	15,352	0	15,352	17,400
TOTAL REPAIRS AND MAINTENANCE	$ 33,327	$ 0	$ 33,327	$ 33,740
TOTAL EXPENSES	$ 53,572	$ 0	$ 53,572	$ 56,295

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OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
(An Illinois Not-For-ProfitCorporation)
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2014

Note 1: Nature of Organization:

The Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois as a not-for-profit corporation to administer and operate the property known as Oakwood Homeowners Association located in Westmont, Illinois, pursuant to and in accordance with the Homeowners Association Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions.

Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

Basis of Accounting

The accounts are maintained on the cash basis. Accordingly, no liabilities or receivables have been recorded.

Fund Accounting

The Association's governing documents provide certain guidelines for governing its financial activities. To ensure observance of limitations and restrictions on the use of financial resources, the Association maintains its accounts using fund accounting. Financial resources are classified for accounting and reporting purposes in the following funds established according to their nature and purpose:

Operating Fund - This fund is used to account for financial resources available for the general operations of the association.

Replacement Fund - This fund is used to accumulate financial resources designated for future major repairs and replacements.

Cash Equivalents

The Association considers all highly liquid instruments with maturities of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents; these are typically used for the Operating Fund. Cash balances do not exceed insured limits for federal deposit insurance at any one bank.

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Estimates and Assumptions

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Since these financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis, no liabilities have been recorded.

Income Taxes

The Association has the option to file income tax returns as a homeowners association under Section 528 of the Internal Revenue Code, or as a regular corporation.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Association has elected to file as a regular corporation. This will allow the Association to pay the least tax possible. For the year ended December 31, 2014, the Association had a loss, and has elected to carry the loss forward. These returns will be filed by the Association and are due by March 15, 2013.

Property and Equipment

Real property and common areas acquired from the developer and related improvements to such property are not recorded in the Association's financial statements as assets because those properties are owned by the individual unit owners in common and not by the Association. There were no such items added during the 2014 year.

Member Assessments

Association members are subject to yearly assessments to provide funds for the Association's operating expenses, future capital acquisitions, and major repairs and replacements. Assessments for the year ended December 31, 2014 were made on the basis of a budget of operating expenses adopted by the Board of Directors and allocated to unit owners in proportion to their relative ownership interests in the common elements of the condominium property.

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Note 3: Investments:

Investments held to maturity consist of three Certificates of Deposit with maturities typically in excess of one year. A $5,000.00 Certificate is held at TCF Bank with an interest rate of 1.0% matures on 9/17/2015. A $7,000.00 Certificate is held at TCF Bank with an interest rate of 1.0% matures on 06/03/16. A $87,088.57 Certificate is held at Park Federal Bank with and interest rate of .30% matures on 4/12/2015. These investments are used for the Replacement Fund and are recorded at cost since the Association is on a cash basis.

Note 4: Replacement Fund:

Certain funds of the Association are restricted by the Declaration of Ownership as well as by Board designation for the long-term maintenance of the Association's common property.

The Association has not conducted a study to determine the remaining useful lives of the components of common property because of the limited amount of common elements. When replacement funds are needed to meet future needs for major repairs and replacements, the Association has the right to increase regular assessments, pass special assessments, or delay replacement unit until funds are available. The effect on future assessments has not been determined at this time.

Note 5: Commitments:

The Association has entered into various maintenance, management and service agreements for the upkeep and operations of the property.

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	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
Assessments	
6011 · Assessments - Current Year	54,660.00
60110 · Late fee income	690.00
6012 · Assessments from Previous Years	600.00
Total Assessments	55,950.00
Lien File Fee	50.00
604 · Advertising	
60402 · Advertising - Oak Leaf	1,410.00
60403 · Advertising - Directory	
Total 604 · Advertising	1,460.00
Total Income	57,410.00
Expense	
Communications	
814 · Newsletters	
81410 · Newletter Prep	125.00
81420 · Newsletter Printing	1,250.00
81430 · Newletter Delivery	640.00
Total 814 · Newsletters	2,015.00
816 · Member/Resident Directory	
81620 · Printing	
81630 · Distribution/Delivery	
Total 816 · Member/Resident Directory	0.00
Total Communications	2,015.00
Financial	
821 · Auditing & Accounting	
82101 · Audit Fees	3,100.00
834 · Bank Charges	165.00
Paypal Charges (credit card pmts)	300.00
8401 · Financial Admin - Postage	370.00
8402 · Financial Admin. Supplies	375.00
Total Financial	4,310.00
Lake Man. Committee	
803 · Lake Charles Water Maintenance	
80302 · Lake Water Testing Program	110.00
80304 · Fish Restocking Program	2,000.00
80305 · Fish Cribs	1,000.00
80307 · Aeration Program	200.00
80308 · Aeration Electrical Running Cost	2,200.00
80309 · Algae Control	
803091 · Algae Control - Chemicals & Lab	7,500.00
803092 · Algae Control -Dye	2,000.00
Total 80309 · Algae Control	9,500.00
Total 803 · Lake Charles Water Maintenance	15,010.00
806 · Eastern Shoreline Maintenance	
80601 · Minor Repairs, Clean up	100.00
80602 · Mulch for Eastern Shoreline	100.00
80603 · Emergent Plants - Eastern Shore	100.00
80604 · Weed Control and Abatement	100.00
Total 806 · Eastern Shoreline Maintenance	400.00
83002 · Lake Management Committee Admin	
830021 · Training and Books	200.00
830022 · Volunteer Appreciation	150.00
830023 · Lake Committee Administration	100.00
Total 83002 · Lake Management Committee Admin	450.00
Total Lake Man. Committee	15,860.00
Landscape Committee	
802 · Beach Maintenance - Geese Clean	1,500.00
80201 · Beach General Maintenance	500.00
805 · Common Area Maintenance	500.00
80510 · General Landscape Maintenance	12,200.00
80520 · Entrances- Annual Plantsl	1,000.00
80521 · Irrigation - Entrances	
805211 · Irrigation Water - North Ent.	750.00
805212 · Irrigation water - South Ent.	750.00
805213 · Irrigation system maintenance	1,000.00
Total 80521 · Irrigation - Entrances	2,500.00
80523 · Landscape Admin	50.00
80530 · Entrance Maintenance	
8053001 · South Entrance Maintenance	200.00
80530 · 35th St. Entrance Maintenance	200.00
Christmas Lights	2,000.00
Total 80530 · Entrance Maintenance	2,400.00
80535 · Cul De Sac Improvements	200.00
Total Landscape Committee	20,850.00
OHA Board	
811 · Mail Box Cost	275.00
813 · Meetings & Events	
81301 · Association Annual Meeting	
313011 · A.M. - Notification and Com.	330.00
313012 · A. M. - Refreshments	75.00
313013 · A. M. - Raffle	150.00
Total 81301 · Association Annual Meeting	555.00
81302 · Meeting & Events Other	200.00
Total 813 · Meetings & Events	755.00
81362 · Oakwood Annual Garage Sale	70.00
823 · Legal Services	
82311 · Corporate Registered Agent	275.00
82399 · Other Legal Services, NEC	300.00
Total 823 · Legal Services	575.00
833 · Insurance	
83302 · General Liability	6,500.00
Total 833 · Insurance	6,500.00
Total OHA Board	8,175.00
One time Exp. Paid from Reserve	
810 · Bad Debt Right off	200.00
Total One time Exp. paid from Res	200.00
Social Committee	
81341 · Children's Halloween Party	1,375.00
81343 · Children's Easter Party	1,000.00
81361 · Oakwood Family Picnic	1,125.00
81370 · Oakwood Fishing Derby	1,500.00
Total Social Committee	5,000.00
818 · Web Site	
81802 · Web Hosting	200.00
Total 818 · Web Site	200.00
Total Expense	56,610.00
Other Income/Expense	
Other Income	
603 · Interest income	
6031 · Interest - Checking	15.00
6033 · Interest - Funds- acct 5091	260.00
6034 · Interest - Acct 04045	50.00
Total 603 · Interest income	325.00
Total Other Income	325.00
Net Income	1,125.00

Please Join Us for the

OAKWOOD EASTER EGG HUNT

Saturday, March 28th

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Ty Warner Park - Gazebo

All children, walkers and up, are invited to join their neighborhood friends in finding Easter eggs in the grass by the Ty Warner Park Gazebo. Hunts will be grouped by age.

There will be a special guest appearance by the Easter Bunny!

Doughnuts, coffee, and juice will be served.

Don't forget to bring your Easter Basket to collect the eggs!

Everyone who pre-registers will receive a special prize!
Please RSVP for planning purposes by Sunday, March 22nd
You can RSVP using the Google form sent to your email, this form, or by email. Also, if you are willing to help the day of the event (take pictures, help with the eggs, set-up, or clean up), please let me know that too.

For questions and to RSVP, please contact
Vicki O'Malley
423 Arlington Ave.
630-230-0235 (landline), using the Google form sent to your email, or vomalley@maine207.org

Family Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

Child's Name: _____ Age: _____

I would like to help with _____