

Hey, Oakwood!!



Do you know what that is to the left here? That's the face of a guy who's ready to hit Westman Beach!

That's right... it's all over the back cover, but just in case you missed it, the Annual Oakwood Fishing Derby/Beach Party is Saturday June 3rd starting at 3.

ALWAYS a great time... come out and join us!

There's a lot else going on here in Oakwood though, so don't stop there. We're coming off of a record success for the Annual Egg Hunt (thank you Vicki O'Malley and crew!) and a phenomenal Annual Meeting with great turnout. Special thanks to Westmont Deputy Chief Ross Brenza for coming out join us as our guest speaker!

Next up is the annual Oakwood Garage Sale... see page 3 for more on that, and look at the Social Committee section on page 6 to make sure you have all of our events on your calendar.

For those new to Oakwood, Welcome! If you haven't been visited by our Welcoming Committee yet, give us a shout at info@oakwoodha.org to let

us know you're here. We've got some goodies for you, and want to make sure you're

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introduced to the OHA. For those moving out of Oakwood, check out the new addition to our website (http://www.oakwoodha.org/clearance-letters.html) where you can request a clearance letter and connect to

all the documents you'll need from us at your sale. Many thanks to Jeanie Smith for putting the page together for us! We've wanted to do this for a long time and Jeanie got it done.

A lot of people are asking, and no, we don't have any updates yet on the World Class Westmont project over at the Hilton. Things are still tied up at the moment, but everyone's eager to see that get going.

Oakwood aside, there's a ton going on around town. Check out the great contributions in this newsletter, but also check out the Village website at www.westmont.il.gov, which is a wonderful resource. Aside from being up to date on events, everyone should know that there's also a "Report A Concern" link there where you can get help from everything from a broken streetlight to a neighbor that might need a gentle reminder about some Village codes.

Thanks to Sure Green Landscape who's a new advertiser supporting this newsletter. See their ad on page 2.

I'm keeping it short this month because there's a lot packed inside here. I hope to see all of you at the summer events around Oakwood! Take care, and get that sunscreen ready!

-Matt "SUMMER!!" Johnson OHA Board President

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Oakwood - Updates

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Big things come in small packages! Here's a look at what you have to look forward to in this issue:

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Garage Sale!

We're dominating Father's Day weekend again, with the sale on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 16-18 from 8am - 4pm. Oakwood resident Frank Rogers has volunteered to quarterback the event once again, and will be handling the posting of ads in area papers and making yard flag strings available to anyone interested (with a \$10 deposit, returned to you when the flags are). Call Frank at (630) 212-8084 to set up a time to get your flags and get your sale on!

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I told the doctor I broke my arm in two places. He told me not to go into those places.



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Oakwood - Updates

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-Lynette Tuggle Oakwood Resident Treasurer, Oakwood Homeowners Association



Where's the OHA?

Since the Oakwood Homeowners Association does not have an office, we have a mail box at the UPS store at 4 E. Ogden Ave. Just like a mail box at the post office, you should put a stamp on the envelope and run it



through the regular postal system when contacting us by mail or sending in your dues. The manager of the UPS store has sent us a note expressing his frustration at some of our members who walk in and hand him the envelope without going through the regular mail. This is a great and convenient service they offer, and we sure don't want to lose our mailbox at the UPS store, so please be sure to send your mail and not drop it off there.

-Lynette Tuggle
Oakwood Resident
Treasurer, 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 - Dining Around Town



With summer weather fully in focus, it's time to uncover the grills, get the picnic baskets ready or visit one of 34 Westmont Eateries that have outdoor seating available. Follow this link - http://shawurl.com/31zk - to check out all the patio dining locations in

Westmont and add in Uncle Bub's, which just placed a few tables and umbrellas under the sign.

Westmont also hosted its first ever Restaurant Week which ran from March 9th to the 19th. With 23 Westmont restaurants participating, there was something for everyone. We had a lot of fun getting the word out as evidenced by our live interview with Judy Hsu on ABC 7 - https://www.facebook.com/JudyHsuABC7 _- and a fun video with our Mayor Gunter - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U87g9wTfpPw. Plans are already underway for an even bigger Westmont Restaurant Week in 2018!

Village residents also were asked to participate in the 2nd Annual Reader's Choice Restaurant Awards. Our 2017 voting had 28 categories and over 350 voting choices. The 2017 Reader's Choice was open to all Westmont residents and surrounding community members and was sponsored jointly by **Shaw Media** (publisher of the **Westmont Suburban Life** newspaper) and the **Westmont Chamber of Commerce**.

The three week voting period ran from March 9th to 29th and the awards were presented at the annual **Westmont Awards Banquet** at the **Hilton Oak Brook Hills**. The banquet took place on Thursday, April 20th,...and the Awards go to... (see the award recipients on page 6)

Congratulations to all of our winners and please remember to support our local restaurants and pass on your congratulations. Look for the 3rd annual Reader's Choice 2018 voting next March!

Stepping Out

Lion's Club Pancake Breakfast – How often can you walk to a pancake breakfast in a beautiful park setting? At least once a year if you partake in the Westmont Lion's Club All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast as part of the Race To The Flag 5K Walk/Run benefitting People's Resource Center. Held Memorial Sunday as not only part of the race but also part of the Red, White & BBQ 3-day festival. This year, it will be on Sunday, May 28th. You don't have to be a race attendee although race participants receive a free ticket as part of their entrance fee.

The Red, White & BBQ event will be held at Ty Warner Park on Memorial weekend (Friday – Sunday). There will be a full carnival, commercial booths and <u>an expanded food vendor selection</u>. Free entertainment each day plus the smell of world champion pit masters creating their bbq magic.

The expanded Westmont Street Fair & Car Show will open the season on Cass Avenue on Thursday, June 1nd at 6:00pm. With 3 blocks of activities to check out, it's a great way to get in a little walking, listen to the live music, patronize our downtown restaurants or just enjoy a beer or soft drink as you view more than 200 vintage autos. Held every Thursday through August, a full schedule of exhibit themes is available at www.westmontevents.com.

Unlock The Legend at Myths and Legends Brewing Company as they celebrate their 4th Annual Summer Party! Live music, food trucks and great Westmont brewed craft beer from 4pm to midnight on Saturday, June 17th. Tickets are \$10.00 and available at http://www.urbanlegendbrewing.com/summer-party-tickets/.

Father's Day is Sunday, June 18th and the **Hilton at Oak Brook Hills** will be hosting a **Bimmers, BBQ & Bow Ties Event** for all dads. The 2nd year event will include World-Class BMW Leisure Drives, BBQ Lunch, Bourbon Education, Bow Tie Styling by Trunk Club and lots more!

From the press release: On Father's Day, June 18th, Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort will host a day for "dapper dads" and their families called Bimmers, BBQ and Bow Ties (tickets on sale at EventBrite). This thrilling testosterone-fueled event will feature complimentary leisure drives of BMW's highest end vehicles, a chef-driven BBQ lunch and bourbon education, and men's styling and bow tie demos from Trunk Club. Other event elements include live Dixieland music, a luxury car show, cigar rolling, local craft beer, yoga golf demos, a kids arts & craft tent, and pony rides, with partial proceeds benefiting the Lemons of Love charity.

"We've built on last year's triumph, and plan to deliver an even more incredible Father's Day experience that can't be found anywhere else," said the General Manager of Hilton Oak Brook Hills Resort, Steven Ellingsen. "Bimmers, BBQ & Bow Ties pairs dad's favorite items together on one day, in one location, for one ticket price!" For more information, see their web site at http://www.oakbrookhillsresortchicago.com/upcoming-events/calendar-of-events.htm

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Oakwood - Dining Around Town

The Taste of Westmont will take place in downtown Westmont on July 14, 15 and 16th with updated information available at www.westmontevents.com .

Up and Coming:

Johnny's Blitz - A new sports themed restaurant will open in downtown Westmont in the space formerly occupied by LaLaLi Patisserie. Menu plans call for gourmet burgers as well as several other options. With a slower than average construction schedule, expect an opening in late Summer.

The former site of Pompei and numerous other dining establishments continues on the market as the deal for Pizza Bacci fell through.

Up and Running (last six months):

Big Boss Westmont – has opened at 677 North Cass Avenue in the shopping center north of Jewel. Featuring a large menu of trans-Pacific dining options, this is a 2nd location with the original being in Forest Park.

Dolce's Restaurant has changed ownership hands and is now known as Dolce's Restaurant & Wine Bar. Located at 15 West Quincy, across from the train station. An expanded menu will be available under the guidance of partners from Neat Kitchen + bar. Hours are expanded to Tuesday - Sunday.

Dulce David Bakery – has opened at 321 West 63rd Street. Specialty cakes and pastry are available.

Gone But Not Forgotten:

Cucinova - The pizza, pasta and salad side of the Grill 89 / Cucinova combo has closed it's doors for lack of business. No word on a replacement.

Maxwell's Red Hots - Landlord issues closed this restaurant as a main water line broke and repairs will not be It's never good when outside and beyond your made.





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Recently Reviewed (last six months):

Golden Basket http://shawurl.com/32br **Patio Dining in Westmont** http://shawurl.com/31zk Ruta Café & Restaurant http://shawurl.com/31lo Standard Market Grill http://shawurl.com/30pk Westmont Restaurant Week http://shawurl.com/30d1 Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen http://shawurl.com/2zx1 **New Korea Garden** http://shawurl.com/2z20 Holiday Dining, Dancing and Drinking in Westmont -

http://shawurl.com/2yrf Vincitori http://shawurl.com/2yf1 **Uncle Bub's** http://shawurl.com/2wvi **Fall Beverages** http://shawurl.com/2wi8 http://shawurl.com/2v59 Hanbun

B. at the Hilton Oak Brook Hills -

www.shawurl.com/2swz http://shawurl.com/2rsc **Westmont Ice Cream Trail** Sushi House http://shawurl.com/2qv5

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http://shawurl.com/2p8b

Looking for more restaurant ideas, follow the #chitowndiner on Instagram.

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Oakwood - Dining Around Town (continued)



Best Asian – Hanbun

Best Italian - Vincitori

Best Bakery – **Standard Market Bakery**

Best Mexican - Taco Grill & Salsa Bar

Best Fine Dining - Bakersfield *

Best Salad - Standard Market Grill *

Best Fast Food - Chipotle *

Best Indian - Saffron *

Best Holiday Brunch – Hilton/Chicago Oak Brook

Best Banquet Space – Hilton/Chicago Oak Brook
Hills *

Best Catering - Uncle Bub's BBQ *

Best BBQ - Uncle Bub's BBQ *

Best Family Friendly – Uncle Bub's BBQ

Best Drinking Establishment - DJ's Sports Bar & Grill

Best Burger - DJ's Sports Bar & Grill *

2017 AWARD WINNERS

Best Video Gaming - DJ's Sports Bar & Grill *

Best Fast Casual – Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria

Best Pizza – Woodgrain Neapolitan Pizzeria

Best Coffee Shop - Brewed Awakening *

Best Sushi - Sushi House *

Best Seafood – Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen *

Best Ice Cream - Tasty Treat *

Best for Outdoor Dining – J. Fleming's Absolutely

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Best Sandwich – J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious *
Best for Live Entertainment – J. Flemings Absolutely

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Best Full Service – J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious

Best Breakfast - Citrus Diner

Best Lunch - Citrus Diner

* - winners of the award for the 2nd year in a row

Oakwood - Social Committee

2017 Events!

We're racing through 2017 already! The Annual Egg Hunt and Annual Meeting were great successes, and there's more to come in just the next few weeks!

- June 3rd (Saturday): 3pm ?: Fishing Derby / Beach Party at Westman Beach (see back cover)
- June 16-17th (Friday-Saturday): Oakwood Community-Wide Garage Sale (see page 3)
- August 27th (Sunday): 11:45 2:00pm: End of Summer Barbecue at Ty Warner Main Pavilion
- October ?? (): 6 8pm: Oakwood Halloween Party (still locking in the date)

The Social Committee is always happy to welcome new members and new volunteers. Helping out can be as much as running an event or as little as aiding with setup or takedown. We're also always open to new events (progressive dinner parties, road rallies, bowling events, etc.) To inquire or to share ideas, contact us at info@oakwoodha.org.

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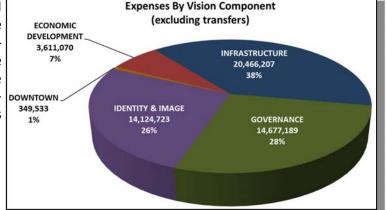
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Westmont News: From the Village Board



Hello neighbors! Summer is around the corner so get out and enjoy the warm weather at Westmont's community events. Before we dive into the fun, let's run through a quick Village budget recap. Here are a few high level reductions and some of the Village's

priorities.



2017 Village Budget Highlights

- Net Operating Department Base Reductions
 - o Police \$260,000
 - o Fire \$50,000
- Tree Removal and Planting
- Infrastructure & Stormwater Improvements
- Railroad ROW Improvements
- Gateway & Wayfinding Signs
- Community Branding
- Catalyst to spur economic development in TIFs

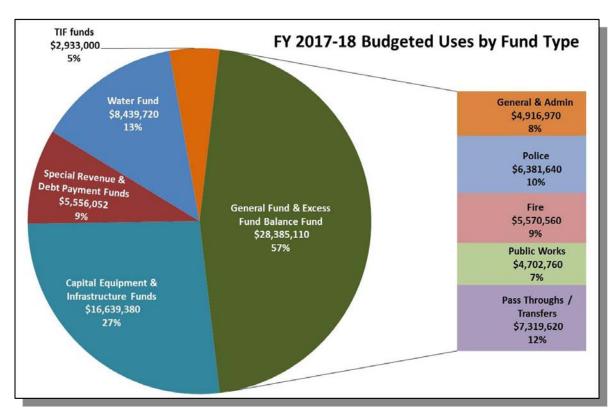
Westmont Rain Barrel Program

The Village is continuing the Rain Barrel Program this year. Rain barrels are half off through October 31st. The rain barrels are a great way to assist with water conservation and provide some help with property stormwater management.

- Available to all Westmont residents & businesses
- \$30 per water barrel (about a \$30 savings compared to retail)
- Limit of no more than 2 water barrels installed per Westmont address
- There are four colors to choose from: black, terra cotta, blue & gray
- Additional set-up hardware charged separately

New Garbage Containers

Per the new contract with Waste Management, all Oakwood residents will get a new 96 gallon garbage container. These new containers will hold up to 200



Westmont News: From the Village Board

pounds of waste (four times the weight allowed in the previous contract). Delivery of the new containers will take place the week of June 12th. Here are few things to note:

- Please clearly mark your old container "PLEASE TAKE" if you want Waste Management to dispose of it.
- Only metal garbage containers are recyclable.

2017 Summer Community Events

Cruising Nights / Street Fair

(schedule below)

Independence Day Celebration

Date: 7/4/2017

Time: 4:00 PM - 10:00 PM Location: Ty Warner Park

Event Details: The Westmont Park District will be lighting up the skies with bigger and better fireworks than ever before! The family fun begins at 4:00pm at our old-fashioned Independence Day Celebration. Bring your blankets and lawn chairs and enjoy the best 4th of July around.

Taste of Westmont

July 13th, 14th, 15th & 16th – Downtown Westmont Formal agenda to be uploaded @ http://westmontevents.com/tow/

Ways to Connect with the Village

- Sign up for Notify Me community alerts http://www.westmont.illinois.gov/list.aspx
- Sign up for Village of Westmont Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/westmontilgov



2017 WESTMONT CRUISIN' NIGHTS & STREET FAIR SCHEDULE

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE AS OF 4/26/17

JUNE 1	CLEAN 'EM UP & BRING 'EM OUT KICKOFF MUSIC BY HENRY JBC
JUNE 8	GM NIGHT
JUNE 15	POLICE CAR NIGHT - ALL CARS WELCOME MUSICIANS WORKSHOP
JUNE 22	MUSCLE CARS, HOT & RAT RODS, DRAGSTERS SERENDIPITY
JUNE 29	CHRYSLER NIGHT MUSIC BY NORTH OF 8
JULY 6	50'S & 60'S NIGHT MUSIC AT ABSOLUTELY DELICIOUS
JULY 13	BANK OF AMERICA LOAD THE LOT NIGHT DJ BIG BOPPER
JULY 20	SPORTS CAR NIGHT - VETTES, T-BIRDS, PORSCHES & MORE
	MUSIC BY THE CADILLAC CASANOVAS
JULY 27	BUICKS, OLDS & CADDIES - PUBLIC WORKS TRUCKS MUSIC BY MOJO BLUE
AUGUST 3	IMPORTS, ORPHANS & MOVIE CARS MUSIC BY CLAREMONT DRIVE
AUGUST 10	FORDS & FARM MACHINERY NIGHT MUSIC BY BRANDON VON VACIK
AUGUST 17	MOTORCYCLES & VETERANS NIGHT MUSIC BY COVER STORY
AUGUST 24	FIRE TRUCK NIGHT - ALL CARS WELCOME

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• The Westmont Village Board meets every other Thursday at 6:00pm in the Village Hall. If you cannot make the meeting, they are televised and available on our YouTube channel.

Please feel free to reach out to me anytime.

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AUGUST 31 END OF SEASON PARTY --- MUSIC BY THE FLAT CATS

Westmont News: From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission



After the lengthy meetings of the summer, agendas have slowed down and plan review and construction is underway. Our December through February meetings were fairly slow.

The Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission has had an opening since the beginning of the year. I am excited to announce that another Oakwood resident has stepped up to volunteer his time and services towards making our Village a better place for all of us. If all goes according to plan, Chris Lavoie will be sworn in by Mayor Gunter and the Village Board on May 25th thereby joining the P&Z Commission in time for the June meeting. Thank you Chirs and all the others who volunteer their time...you make a difference!

After February's cancellation, March came in with two agenda items. First up was the renewal of a Special Use permit for Clover's Garden Center to operate for the next 5 years. Located in the Suburbanite Bowl parking lot on the west side, Clover's has been offering seasonal garden supplies for over 10 years. Typically, they open for an extended spring/summer run and then a shorter fall/holiday period. Welcome back!

Our second item concerned the Westmont Park District regarding the property near 5700 South Wilmette. WPD acquired the property in the last few years and will now develop the property into a park featuring mostly open land and a fishing platform. There will be a small pavilion and restrooms also located closest to the street thereby preserving the interior space from development. As part of the deal, the lone homeowner will be able to live on the property.

On April 5th, the P&Z Commission met in a rare joint meeting with the Westmont Village Board. Our last joint meeting was over 2 years ago and items discussed included the Village's Comprehensive and Strategic Plans as well Downtown and South Westmont TIF Districts. As the P&Z Commission is appointed by the Mayor and approved by the Village Board, it was an excellent opportunity to reacquaint ourselves with many of the common themes of our Village.

A week later on April 12th, we convened our April Meeting with several agenda items none of which have any impact on Oakwood. Two small housing projects on the south end of town received positive recommendations from the commission.

May continued our Westmont Auto Mile expansion as we had Porsche presenting their expansion plans. Located at 201 East Ogden Avenue, they have acquired the following properties in the last few years — the former motel site next to Pets Supplies Plus, the former Lamborghini Building immediately east of their facility and the storage lot on the SE corner of Ogden and Blackhawk formerly Alpha Motors. Their current plan calls for a Special Use Permit for the former Alpha Motors site to both store and display excess inventory. This will allow some breathing room as they seek to join the current main building with the Lamborghini Building creating a state-of-the-art Porsche Campus.

The Westmont Park District also has moved creating a WPD Maintenance facility along the Burlington Tracks at 134 and 200 East Quincy Street. As a former building supply site, WPD will create a long term plan to both



Westmont News: From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission

clean-up the site and add landscaping elements for beautification.

A few local updates....BMW is readying for their expansion which will join all current BMW properties with the former site of Oak Brook Racquet & Fitness Club as well as portions of Westmont Drive after purchase from the Village and building a large campus. Permits may be issued in the next month.

The Hilton of Oak Brook Hills expansion plans including the apartment building and Natatorium are deep into the planning and permitting process. A lawsuit brought by the residents of Oak Brook Hills has slowed things, but rumors continue to speculate on a possible settlement. No date has been given for ground breaking.

The former Rockwell building with the large water reservoir at Oakmont and Pasquinelli has been sold to Ryan Companies and will undergo a full demolition, renovation and expansion with marketing aimed at large to very large corporations. The project will take several years to fully mature as construction will be tailored to new tenant specifications. While attempts to lure Caterpillar were unsuccessful, another large corporation is currently in discussions.

Rumors continue to swirl on the south side regarding several of the large properties located near 63rd Street and Cass Avenue. As often is the case with large acquisitions, due diligence requires non-disclosure agreements and results in all kinds of rumors only one of which usually occurs. We'll keep an eye on things and report back issues if there are any updates!

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 meetings will take place June 14th, July 12th and August 9th – tune in!

Gregg Pill - Oakwood Resident





Fishing Derby / Beach Partyl

Saturday, June 3rd, 2017 At Oakwood's Westman Beach

Fishing Derby: 3 - 6pm

Beach Party: 6 - ?





Free food and drinks provided.

Adult supervision required for younger kids.