

The Oak Leaf

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Hey, Oakwood!!



Somehow the end of the year is coming up again already... 2017 certainly flew by!

This was a good year for Oakwood. We saw fabulous turnout at our social events, and we enjoyed a little peace and quiet without any major projects

or controversies this year.

The biggest controversy around us has been the on-going litigation from the townhome owners adjacent to the Hilton property to the West of Oakwood against the World Class Westmont project. The project has now been revised, and you can read more about it on Page 10 in Gregg Pill's P&Z update. The Oakwood subdivision has a Community Benefit agreement with the property owner that was negotiated last year, and what the new changes to the plan may mean for Oakwood, and specifically the impact to Lake Charles, is as of yet unknown. For those new to the neighborhood, the concern previously had been that extensive construction and renovating on the Hilton property has a high likelihood of resulting in sediment pileup in Oakwood's Lake Charles, which in turn would be likely to re-

sult in a necessary (and expensive) dredging effort. The Community Benefit Agreement was a way for the property owner, The Harp Group, to generously protect our residents from having to incur much of that cost.

In unfortunate news, there have been more thefts in Oakwood in the last three months than there have been in the past 15 years together. The problem is that the victims are talking to people about them, but they aren't reporting them. Cars have been rummaged through, large items have been taken off of door steps, mail boxes have been poached (which is a Federal crime), and there's at least one resident who had someone use the remote in the car they left in front to open the garage, and the perpetrator then stole items from the second car that was in the garage. This is infuriating, but what's really unfortunate is that most of the people are not reporting it to the Police. If it isn't reported, then the Police don't have a record of it, and consequently there will be no indicator that they may need to increase presence in our community. Because of this I'm asking all of you to do two things:

1.) Keep your eyes open, and

2.) If you see something, or if something happens to you, REPORT IT TO THE POLICE!

The OHA receives the Westmont Police Press Releases each week, and we will be forwarding on all mentions of Police activity in the Oakwood subdivision to people on our e-mail list. If you're not on the list yet, contact us at info@oakwoodha.org to join.

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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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On to happier things! As I mentioned, our Social events this year were a great success. Updates and the start of the 2018 Calendar can be found here on page 3.

At the December OHA Board Meeting, the Budget for 2018 was voted on and locked in. As we do each year, the budget is included in an issue of the Oak Leaf, and while it generally is in the Spring issue, we were able to get it done and wrapped up before the end of 2017 here. I am extremely grateful to our Treasurer, Lynette Tuggle for her efforts on this. Lynette has masterfully corralled all of the stake holders and managed this efficiently, and we are happy to announce that there will not be a dues increase in 2018.

On the topic of the OHA Board, due to conflicting obligations, long time Director Mark Nelson had to step down from the OHA Board late this year. He is replaced by Brian Stouffer who was voted in. Brian will serve the remainder of Mark's term, which will be up for election at the 2018 Annual Meeting, which is currently scheduled for Monday, April 16th.

Last, but not least, I want to thank Denise Hayes for her contribution to the Lake Management Committee article this issue. Denise talks about the heavy rainfall from a few weeks ago and it's impact on Lake Charles. A major take away here is that people need to get tags for their boats when they have them by the lake. They are **free**, and make it so that the boats can be returned if they float off and are found. Several boats drifted away in that storm, and were not claimed. After a period of time, they become OHA Property. For more information on how to register your boat for free, contact us by e-mail at info@oakwoodha.org.

And that's about it for 2017, my friends! I hope that it was a good year for all of you, and all our best from myself and the rest of the OHA Board to you and yours. Have a safe and wonderful holiday season, and a very Happy New Years!



-Matt "so long pumpkin spice, hello Eggnog!" Johnson
OHA Board President

Discounted Plowing Offered to Oakwood Residents

TJ's landscaping is offering the following volume discount rates to Oakwood residents:

Service	< 6 In.	6-11 In.	≥ 12 In.	Salt
Plow <15 houses	\$25	\$38	\$54	\$20
Plow 15-24 houses	\$23	\$35	\$47	\$17
Plow 25-49 houses	\$20	\$30	\$40	\$15
Plow 50 + houses	\$17	\$25	\$35	\$15
Shovel front walk/stoop	\$12	\$20	\$25	\$12

Last year we hit the 25-49 home range. Watch our Sponsors page at www.oakwoodha.org for updates on the number of participants to this program.

To sign up for the service, e-mail John at TJ's at tjslandcare@sbcglobal.net or call (630) 393-1993.



Oakwood - Welcoming Committee

We would like to welcome all of the new residents to Oakwood! Hopefully you are settling in and walking around the neighborhood meeting the great residents we have. We try to visit each new resident and drop off a Welcome Package along with some goodies. If you are new to Oakwood and did not receive a Welcome Package, please contact info@oakwoodha.org and we will make sure that one gets delivered to you. We apologize as sometimes it takes some time to deliver.

We would also like to sincerely thank several paying advertisers and residents who have provided goodies to be included in the Welcome Packages. Please make sure you support these individuals and their businesses:

THANK YOU!!

Michelle's Cleaning Service

Patti Nyien, NCTM Piano Lessons

Juan "Jon" Rodriguez - Century 21 Affiliated Realtor

Jeanie Smith - Water E. Smithe Designer

If you are interested in providing goodies to be included in the Welcome Packages or have ideas of additional items that would be useful, please email info@oakwoodha.org.

-Monika Rodriguez

OHA Director and Welcoming Committee Member

Oakwood - Social Committee

So long, 2017! Hello, 2018!

The 2017 social scene here in Oakwood wrapped up in October with enormous turnout at our Annual Halloween event! Thank you to everyone who came, and to Esther Casanova for taking lead on planning the event, and Oakwood resident and Real Estate agent Stephanie Kramer who sponsored the DJ for the night!

We're planning out 2018 events already, so get your calendar out and start marking down a few of the dates!

Remember that we're always looking for new people to get engaged with the fun, so come out and join in, or if you have ideas for a new activity to kick off, contact us at info@oakwoodha.org and let us know!

2018 Oakwood Social Calendar:

- Annual Egg Hunt: TBD
- Fishing Derby / Beach Party: June 2nd
- End of Summer BBQ: August 26th
- Halloween Costume Party: TBD

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Oakwood - Lake Management Committee

That crazy rainy weekend...

It sure seemed as if ALL of the rain that DIDN'T fall throughout the summer ended up hitting us that weekend in October!

It was amazing how much rain we got the weekend of Friday 10/13 thru Sunday 10/15. Westmont ended up 3rd on the list of the hardest hit communities, with just over 8" of rain falling here between midnight Friday and mid-day Sunday.

It might not have been so remarkable, except for all the items that floated off various properties and ended up plugging the primary outlet for Lake Charles. Because of the outlet getting plugged up, the lake water rose about 4 ft from the drought level to where it ended up. Most of the inlets and the beach was completely submerged.

Personally, we tried to secure as much as we could, but then watched a number of boats from other shorelines float past in the swirling waters. One of our neighbors tried to tie her boat to a shrub, but her boat was near one of the larger inlets, and the force of the current uprooted the shrub and the boat went sailing off



anyhow.

Our Lake Management Committee members (all volunteers) headed over to the primary outlet on Sunday morning and unplugged it by pulling away one of the runaway boats and some of the landscape timbers. (Many thanks to Mark Nelson, Darlene Garay, Kevin Hayes, Lou Riccardi, and Rich Holum.) The photo of the grate shows some rootballs from potted plants that remain wedged at the base.

Mark spent the rest of the morning retrieving various runaway boats, and other LMC members (Darlene, Brad Alexander, and Tadas Birutis) worked in subsequent days to clear some timbers that ended up in places they didn't belong.

This isn't the first time we've had such a ferocious rain, and it won't be the last. (In fact, after the last massive rain, the LMC increased the height of the platforms holding the bubbler generators by about 8" to avoid water damage to that investment.)



Oakwood - Lake Management Committee



The LMC has not only labored to keep the lake looking nice, but to avoid homes from unnecessarily flooding by making sure that the swale over by the Eastern Shoreline would operate in the event of a lake overflow. (As it did 9 [or was it 11?] years ago, and again this time.)

YOU can help prevent homes from flooding, in some small ways. First of all, keep the storm sewers near your home from becoming clogged by leaves. If you see other debris (like cans, bottles, candy wrappers) please put them in the trash or recycle them. If those items get into the lake, it's not only bad for the fish, but they end up getting stuck in the grates and plugging up the lake. Second of all, always tie up your boats or other watercraft when not in use with in-ground stakes, or to something that can't also float away. The same goes for plastic lawn furniture.

If it looks like a storm is heading over, bring potted plants to your porch or patio. Bring toys and pillows/cushions inside, or secure them. Chair cushions are phenomenally

heavy when waterlogged, and those plant pots and root balls become real nuisances when they end up clogging the outlet.

When the water is as high as it was, the primary outlet becomes completely submerged, and the water pressure against the clogged items is extremely dangerous. Luckily, we've never had any tragedies because of it, but that's definitely something we want to avoid.

Thanks to all who helped during or following that rainy weekend. Your selfless acts are what makes this such a great community.

-Denise Hayes
Oakwood LMC Member



Oakwood - Dining Around Town



It seems Westmont is in the midst of a restaurant renaissance as we may see the addition of 10 or more new restaurants in our Village over the next 2-3 years. With over 100 dining options, we have one of the highest per capita ratios in the suburbs. The first three

are featured below in ***Up & Running!***

Last year's Inaugural Westmont Restaurant Week will be back for the 2nd year running from March 2 thru 11. Last year, ABC7 and Judy Hsu picked up the story and featured several of our 23 local choices on television. Our goal includes even more participating restaurants and expanded coverage for this year's event. A full list will be posted along with menus on the Westmont Chamber's website.

We will also bring back for the 3rd year in a row, the Westmont People's Choice Awards. With 28 dining categories and over 200 voting choices, we have seen nearly 15,000 online votes in the past two years. This year's voting will be open from March 15th thru April 4th. The link will be posted on the Westmont Chamber website and winners announced at the Community Awards Banquet in April.

Stepping Out:

The **Hilton at Oak Brook Hills** is setting the standard for New Year's Eve. Once again, the **Las Vegas Rat Pack is Back Show** will return Hilton Oak Brook Hills Grand Ballroom. Comprised of the world's best impersonators backed by a 15-piece big band, "The Rat Pack is Back" will bring Frank Sinatra, Sammy Davis Jr. and Dean Martin back to earth to ring in 2018. The backdrop to this unforgettable New Year's Eve experience is the resort's mid-century, luxurious 13,000 square-foot Grand Ballroom where the TIMELESS theme comes to life.

The ballroom will be filled with elegant 4-seat cocktail tables as well as a large central dance floor. The night will include an open premium bar, classic era cocktails, and opulent food stations with items like caviar, oysters, shrimp cocktail, crab cakes, a decadent chocolate fountain and much more. Additional event accouterments will include New Year's Eve party favors, a midnight balloon drop and a celebratory Champagne toast. New this year, guests can select the location of their seats or reserved tables, with VIP premier seating next to the stage and dance floor in an exclusive velvet rope and stanchion

section. VIP's will receive a bottle of Champagne at their table, private VIP Lounge access from 8 PM to midnight with open bar and food stations, and the opportunity to meet and greet with "The Rat Pack is Back."

For the full TIMELESS experience, guests can add overnight accommodations in one of the hotel's guestrooms and hangover brunch on Monday, January 1st. Visit the TIMELESS Eventbrite page for a full breakdown of ticket options that are now on sale. Wake-up the next morning to the Hilton's famous brunch. ***Rumor*** has it ABC Channel 7 will be back to do their live broadcast from here! Here's the full info...

<https://timelessnyeobh.eventbrite.com>

The **Hilton at Oak Brook Hills** will host Breakfast with Santa on Sunday, December 10th and Sunday, December 17th. Each breakfast will run from 11am to 2pm and includes a lavish buffet, photos with Santa, Christmas cookie decorating for the kids and a DIY Hot Chocolate Bar. Priced at \$43.95 for adults and \$18.95 for kids with under 5 free. Here's all the info...

<https://santabrunchobh.eventbrite.com>

Standard Market, Uncle Bub's, Vincitori and **J. Fleming's Absolutely Delicious** will all have their holiday catering menus ready to go. Contact them directly to place your orders and coordinate pick-up times.

Enjoy a bit of entertainment with your dinner, **Vincitori Italian Restaurant** features live entertainment on most Fridays and Saturdays and **J. Flemings Absolutely Delicious** does the same on most Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays in December.

Dolce will host a wine tasting event at their location at 15 W. Quincy on December 6th. Call or go to the website for details. <http://www.dolceswestmont.com/>

Neat kitchen + bar will host a private invitation only whiskey tasting on December 10th. Call for details or to score an invite.

Chef Bob Airdo of **Vincitori** brings back the Dueling Pianos New Year's Eve. Cover charge is \$10 and most of the menu plus some great specials will be available. <http://www.vincitori.com/entertainment.html> This one always sells out so reservations are a must!

Myths and Legends will be open throughout December from Tuesday through Sunday. Wednesday night features live entertainment and a food truck or two. Visit the only brewery in Westmont and try the sampler!

Oakwood - Dining Around Town

Grill 89 will be open Christmas Eve til 9pm and host their full menu on New Year's Eve beginning with brunch at 10am and ending with a champagne toast at midnight. They will also be open all day on New Year's beginning with brunch at 10am!

Want something a bit quieter, try **Amber Café**. A special Chef's menu will be unveiled in early December and reservations will be available for this fine dining, classic option.

On New Year's Day, **Citrus Diner** will open at 8am for those beginning their day, or finishing their night. Breakfast and lunch til 1:30pm.

The State of the **Westmont Chamber** annual meeting and luncheon will take place in late January. Open to the public, this event has sold out the previous three years. Past luncheons have been at **Yu's Mandarin** on Pasquinnelli Drive. Look for an announcement after the New Year on the Chamber website. This is a great networking event with heads of most Westmont organizations present.

The Federal Reserve will make their annual presentation and luncheon in February. Drawing a sellout of 400 attendees for the last ten years, this year's event will be announced in late January on the Chamber website.

Up and Coming:

Fremont Grill – Another sports themed restaurant and bar has completed liquor license background checks and plans to open in the site formerly occupied by The Neutral Zone in the NE corner strip mall at Fairview and 63rd Street. Construction has begun but to date, no release of an opening date. A peek in the open door shows a much smaller bar footprint and a much larger dining footprint.

Zazzo's Pizza – An after the first of the New Year opening is planned for **Zazzo's Pizza** which will be relocating from Darien. Located in the former Pompei site on west Ogden Ave., **Zazzo's** will feature a full Italian menu. <http://www.zazzospizza.com/>

Up and Running:

DelCarmen Mexican Restaurant – A family owned Mexican restaurant at 214 E Chicago Ave. With 3 additional locations, **DeCarmen** brings experience to the food game. Seven days and a full menu.

<http://www.delcarmenrestaurant.com/>

ItaliAmo – A new Italian fast food restaurant has opened at 6232 S Cass Ave. The site was formerly occupied by Stax. The menu is large with pizza along with many appetizers, pasta, panini and other Italian specials. Service is pick-up, drive through or limited standing.

<http://www.italiamo.com/>

Johnny's Blitz – A new sports themed restaurant has opened downtown Westmont in the space formerly occupied by LaLaLi Patisserie. The menu is simple and straightforward with burgers in the forefront. The gourmet burgers feature a 505 sirloin, 25% brisket and 25% short rib mix. On a fresh brioche bun along with nine different cheese selections including the rarely seen ghost pepper cheese, these burgers are delicious. The interior has an urban feel and I love the city-style front windows which will open to allow the streetscape in. Now Open #1!

<https://www.facebook.com/JohnnysBlitz/>

Gone But Not Forgotten:

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

Recently Reviewed (last six months):

Grill 89 – release December 6th in Suburban Life

Bakersfield Wood Fired Grill <http://shawurl.com/36cg>

Katy's Dumpling House <http://shawurl.com/35rz>

Dolce's <http://shawurl.com/353c>

Ultimate Guide to Westmont Pizza

(Part 1 of 4) <http://shawurl.com/34ou>

(Part 2 of 4) <http://shawurl.com/35i3>

(Part 3 of 4) <http://shawurl.com/3632>

(Part 4 of 4) <http://shawurl.com/36n0>

Harvest Pancake House <http://shawurl.com/34dn>

Mai Thai <http://shawurl.com/33rg>

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

Gregg Pill – Oakwood Resident

Westmont News: From the Village Board



Happy Holidays neighbors! Below are a few updates on items addressed at the Village Board and upcoming events. Have a great rest of the year and let's hope the warm weather sticks around.

Stormwater Management Program Update

The Village continues to focus on stormwater projects. Last newsletter I shared an update on how we are funding projects. Here are a few specific achievements:

- 4.2 miles of storm sewers jetted and cleaned out
- 290 structures inspected and repaired
- 3000' of ditches and 300 culverts cleaned out & graded
- 1,000 miles of street sweeping completed
- Central Business District alley reconstruction projects (permeable paver construction)
- Naperville-Warwick storm sewer project
- Cumnor Road reconstruction project (pervious concrete construction)

Electronics Recycling Program

Every 3rd Saturday, 8am-Noon
at the DG Township Hwy Dept.,
318 E. Quincy in Westmont



New Public Works Facility

Recently, the Village Board has been discussing the need to replace the Public Works buildings with a new facility. Unfortunately, the existing buildings are deteriorating faster than they can be maintained. As everyone can expect, this is an expensive proposition. A lot of discussions have taken place and will continue to make sure we fund this properly. Currently, the Village has contracted with AECOM to create the potential design of a new facility. More to come...

FREE Holiday Lights Recycling

Monday, Nov. 20, 2017 thru Wednesday, Jan 31, 2018
Fire Station Headquarters, 6015 S. Cass
Westmont Public Library 428 N Cass.

Two Locations again this year! This is a self-service drop-off program. The collection container will be located near the southwest corner of the Fire Department parking lot and the library parking lot.

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Westmont News: From the Village Board

Campaign Update - DuPage County Board

On 11/27, I filed with 1100+ signatures to officially be on the ballot in the upcoming primary election held March 20th, 2018. I look forward to the opportunity to continue to serve all Oakwood residents as their representative on the County Board. Please visit my website at nerofordupage.com or Nero for DuPage County Board on Facebook to learn more.



Ways to Connect with the Village

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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.

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Westmont News: From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission



Economic development keeps adding to our local tax base and while providing jobs. We saw this with each of our agendas for the past three months.

September saw the purchase of a downtown building for a second location expansion of GoPolar Cryotherapy. The building located at 230 North Cass Ave., previously had a long standing vacuum store and a shuttered State Farm office. Cryotherapy utilizes temperatures of -250 degrees F for 2-3 minutes followed by a return to normal body temperatures as blood flow is restored to the extremities. Cited as beneficial for athletic recovery and patients with inflammatory diseases as well as other ailments. In addition to other services, GoPolar will also install an isolation or float tank which utilizes high Epsom salt contact allowing participants to float during periods sensory deprivation. A spring opening is planned with more details developing here:

<http://www.gopolarcryotherapy.com/>

October brought two local businesses with long-time Westmont Plaza Drive manufacturing business Magnet-Schultz (they are hiring) coming before us to construct an outdoor employee patio for their expanding work force. Also, with Julian Electric's sale of all three buildings on Plaza & Blackhawk Drive, new owner U-Store-It has completed construction of indoor, climate controlled

storage at building one. Sign is up and units are available as small as 5ft X 5ft. The second building is under construction and will house larger units and a unique drive in, drive out unloading system which is great for inclement weather. The full scale exterior remodel of the cornerstone building is an attractive upgrade.

November brought back feelings of déjà vu as the Oak Brook Hills Hilton project came back to us in an altered format. We spent 5 hours listening to a detailed presentation along with legal opinions and public comment. In a nutshell, the property owners have been involved in litigation over the last proposal. Recently, they acquired ownership of the 18 hole golf course allowing for several modifications.

A new 2-story ballroom and lower level golf cart storage area would be built on the area where the large tent is located. The natatorium moves south along the property line to the gold course border south of current golf course storage. The 7-story apartment building has now been relocated near the entrance just off Cass Avenue. This will necessitate the closure and redevelopment of the back nine holes which would be rezoned R-1, the largest lot size in Westmont. We will continue with this agenda item at our Wednesday, December 13th meeting. The previous meeting was attended by a standing room only crowd. This item will be the main item on the agenda so feel free to attend



Westmont News: From the Westmont Planning & Zoning Commission

or watch live on cable channel 6 at 7pm.

Updates:

Porsche and BMW are both well into construction on their new facilities. When completed, each will be drastically expand their footprint, create updated facilities and hopefully, increase contributions to our sales tax base with greater auto sales. Porsche also purchased old Alpha Motors site at Blackhawk and Ogden as well as one of two auto repair facilities just south of Alpha.

The Ryan Companies continue to seek tenants for a re-design of the entire property at Pasquinelli and Oakmont.

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 issue if there are any updates!

Finally, with an eight story mixed use building pro-

posed for the NE corner of Cass and the Burlington Railroad, our downtown may have the cornerstone for redevelopment. Included within the building will be commercial space, 3 floors of internal parking along with five residential floors. A complex project involving the relocation of the downtown S-turn, a new parking structure for downtown visitors would also be constructed as part of the plan.

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 December 13th, January 10th, & February 14th – tune in!

Gregg Pill – Oakwood Resident

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Westmont News: From Community Unit School District 201

District Highlights

Our schools continue to receive local, State and National recognition. ExceleRate Illinois recently awarded the CUSD 201 Early Childhood Program was awarded the ExceleRate Illinois Gold Circle of Quality for the fifth year in a row. This is the highest recognition an early childhood program can receive.

Miller Elementary, Manning Elementary and Westmont Junior High all performed better than the State average on the Statewide assessment that all school districts are required to give each spring. CUSD 201 schools rank in the top 12% for public elementary schools in Illinois. All 2017 eight graduates completed their service learning requirement and performed thousands of hours of community service.

Westmont High School is once again ranked as one of the best high schools in Illinois and the country by the Washington Post and is ranked in the top 2% of high schools in the country. We have seen a significant increase in number of students taking A.P. courses, A.P. tests and passing A.P. tests. We have had a 100% graduation rate for our underrepresented population

for the last three years. In addition, we have seen a significant increase in the percentage of minority and low income students take an A.P. course and pass an A.P. exam.

I also want to share with you our focus for the 2017-2018 school year. As a school district, we have to adopted Hernan Cortes' burn the boats mentality. There is no retreat; we can only move forward. There is no exit strategy, only continuous improvement. We need to be unrelenting in our commitment to provide the best learning opportunities for our students.



Growth Mindset:

We are focused on having a growth mindset. When Thomas Edison was asked, "How did it feel to fail 1,000 times before inventing the light bulb?" Edison replied, "I did not fail 1,000 times. The light bulb was invent-

ed with 1,000 steps." We have to help our students understand that there are no failures, only learning opportunities.

Our Challenge:

- Our students and staff must believe in the growth mindset



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Westmont News: From Community Unit School District 201

- Coach them to learn how to exert effective effort
- Make sure all of our students feel known and valued
- Provide high quality instruction

Our Culture:

We cannot control our students home life or the world around us. The environments we control are the school and classroom. Our schools and classrooms need to be:

- Places of hope
- Safe
- Filled with joy and happiness

Places of teaching and learning

We encourage our staff to see themselves as a change maker, a difference maker. We stress the importance of acknowledging someone with a

smile, a handshake or a welcome and how this can have a powerful effect our students. We know we have the power to help students feel connected to school or disconnected. We have the ability to build confidence in learners or erode it. We have the ability to create an environment for students to experience academic success for a student who has only experienced failure.

One of the many reasons we continue to improve as a school district is the dedicated staff and the partnering with our families. We are very proud of our School District. If you would like to visit one of our schools, please contact my office.

On behalf of the CUSD 201 School Community, Happy Holidays and prosperity in the New Year.

Kevin Carey

Superintendent, CUSD 201



**DON'T SELL YOUR HOME...
UNTIL YOU TALK TO MAUREEN SULLIVAN!**

LONG REALTY HAS BEEN GETTING TOP DOLLAR FOR OAKWOOD HOMES FOR 37 YEARS. LET MY EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE AREA RESULT IN A HIGHER PRICE FOR YOU.

- # 1 SELLER OF OAKWOOD HOMES FOR 30 YEARS
- OVER 95 OAKWOOD HOMES SOLD
- OAKWOOD RESIDENT FOR 40 YEARS
- LONG REALTY- THE CLOSEST, MOST SUCCESSFUL SELLER OF WESTMONT HOMES
- UNIQUE MARKET PLAN
- SERVICE IS MY SPECIALTY

CALL FOR A CONFIDENTIAL MARKET ANALYSIS AND/OR INFORMATION ON PURCHASE OF A NEW RESIDENCE.

LET MY KNOWLEDGE OF THE MARKET WORK FOR YOU.

MAUREEN SULLIVAN, LONG REALTY

"Living and Working in Oakwood"

630-251-7662





2018

Annual Budget

Ordinary Income/Expense

Income

601 · Assessments

6011 · Assessments - Previous Years 882.00

6012 · Assessments Current Year 56,690.00

6013 · Late Fees 645.00

6014 · Lien File Fee 120.00

Total 601 · Assessments 58,337.00

6041 · Advertising - Oak Leaf 1,120.00

6042 Advertising Directory 600.00

Total 604 · Advertising 1,720.00

Total Income 60,057.00

Expense

Lake Man. Committee

803 · Lake Charles Water Maintenance

80302 · Lake Water Testing Program 200.00

80304 · Fish Restocking Program 3,500.00

80305 · Fish Cribs 400.00

80306 Weld Grate 400.00

80307 · Aeration Program 950.00

80308 · Aeration Electrical Running Cost 2,000.00

80309 · Algae Control 10,500.00

Total 803 · Lake Charles Water Maintenance 17,950.00

806 · Eastern Shoreline Maintenance

80601 · Minor Repairs, Clean up 300.00

80602 · Mulch for Eastern Shoreline 50.00

80603 · Emergent Plants - Eastern Shore 300.00

Total 806 · Eastern Shoreline Maintenance 650.00

83002 · Lake Management Committee Admin

830021 · Training and Books 200.00

830022 · Volunteer Appreciation 0.00

830023 · Lake Committee Administration 100.00

Total 83002 · Lake Management Committee Admin 300.00

Total Lake Man. Committee 18,900.00

Landscape Committee

802 · Beach Maintenance - Geese Clean 1,500.00



	<u>2018</u>
	<u>Annual Budget</u>
80203 · General Landscape Maintenance	12,800.00
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	16,800.00
80522 · Entrance Maintenance	
80520 · Annual Plants	3,000.00
805221 · North Entrance Maintenance	500.00
805222 · South Entrance Maintenance	500.00
805223 · Christmas Lights	2,200.00
Total 80522 · Entrance Maintenance	6,200.00
80523 · Landscape Administration	50.00
Total Landscape Committee	23,050.00
OHA Board	
811 · Mail Box Cost	255.00
813 · Meetings & Events	
81301 · Association Annual Meeting	
813011 · A.M. - Notification and Com.	400.00
813012 · A. M. - Refreshments	60.00
813013 · A. M. - Raffle	150.00
Total 81301 · Association Annual Meeting	610.00
81302 · Meeting & Events Other	100.00
81362 · Oakwood Annual Garage Sale	65.00
Total 813 · Meetings & Events	775.00
823 · Legal Services	
82311 · Corporate Registered Agent	275.00
82399 · Other Legal Services	300.00
Total 823 · Legal Services	575.00
83302 · General Liability Insurance	6,500.00
Total OHA Board	7,850.00
Social Committee	
81341 · Children's Halloween Party	1,200.00
81343 · Children's Easter Party	1,000.00
81361 · Oakwood Family Picnic	700.00
81370 · Oakwood Fishing Derby	1,700.00



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Total Social Committee	4,600.00
814 · Communications	
8141 · Newsletters	
81420 · Newsletter Printing	1,250.00
81430 · Newsletter Delivery	650.00
Total 8141 · Newsletters	<u>1,900.00</u>
816 Member/Resident Directory	
81620 Directory Printing	1,365.00
81630 Delivery	180.00
Total 8161 Directory	<u>1,525.00</u>
8171 · Welcome New Residents	65.00
8181 · Web Site Hosting	100.00
Total 814 · Communications	3,590.00
820 · Financial	
821 · Auditing & Accounting	
82101 · Audit Fees	3,300.00
Total 821 · Auditing & Accounting	<u>3,300.00</u>
840 · Financial Admin	
8401 · Postage	340.00
8402 · Supplies	350.00
8403 · Bank Charges/Lien Fees	120.00
8404 · Printing/Folding	50.00
Total 840 · Financial Admin	<u>860.00</u>
Total 820 · Financial	4,160.00
Total Expense	<u>62,150.00</u>
Other Income	
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603 · Interest income	
6035 · Interest MM Account	80.00
6037 · Interest TCF Bank CD #1	61.00
6038 · Interest TCF Bank CD #2	118.00
6049 · Interest Oxford Bank CD	0.00
6070 · Interest Republic Bank CD	280.00
Total 603 · Interest income	<u>539.00</u>
Use of Fund Balance	1,489.00
Total Other Income	<u>2,028.00</u>