THE OAK LEAF

OAKWOOD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

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President's Message



BRIAN STOUFFER, OHA BOARD PRESIDENT

John Nance Gardner, FDR's longtime VP, once described the job of Vice President as "not worth a bucket of warm spit". Unsettling imagery aside, old "Cactus Jack" was basically correct — historically, the responsibilities have mostly included "having a warm body" and "being able to sit in a chair".

You can understand why I found the job so appealing!

But then again, sometimes it isn't.

In the election of 1840, Henry Clay, the intellectual leader of the Whig Party, famously turned down the offer to be Vice President — such a useless job was beneath his dignity! Little did he know that William Henry Harrison would die 31 days into his presidency, handing the party leadership off to John Tyler — who promptly abandoned the Whig platform and annexed Texas.

Which brings us back around to me — another sort-of-accidental president who ascended to leadership through the time-honored tradition of being caught in the

wrong place at the wrong time. Oakwood residents who are afraid that I'll "pull a John Tyler" and rapidly change ideological directions can rest easy — my main goal is to keep things consistent and continue the great work of the

View past Oak Leaf Issues here!



President's Message (cont.)

Johnson Administration. I have no plans to annex Texas - or Oak Brook or Clarendon Hills for that matter. For now.

One of the first things we noticed during this transition was how spoiled we were by how much Matt Johnson took on his shoulders to keep day-to-day business running smoothly in Oakwood. Fortunately, we have an incredible neighborhood full of talented people who are willing to step up to lead for committees, manage our social events, and pitch in to make Oakwood the truly special place that it is.

I'd love to thank everyone who has stepped up, but this issue of the Oak Leaf is already thick enough with the budget information. I'll just say that I'm so proud of my fellow board members, our committee leaders, and all of our community volunteers.

I would like to give a special shout-out to Luke Stanczyk, who has taken on the job of managing the Communication Committee, redesigning the Oak Leaf, filling our vacant board seat, and (most challenging of all) getting me to stop procrastinating and meet my deadline for writing this message.

I'm looking forward to a great 2024, and to seeing all of you around the neighborhood. Feel free to say "hi" if you see me — I'm a man of the people, so there's no need to salute!



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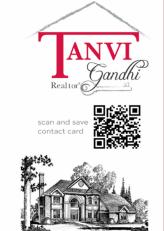
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Village Board



STEVE NERO, VILLAGE TRUSTEE

Hello neighbors! I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season. I'll kick it off with a recap on new developments throughout the community...

DARK SKY LIGHTING INSTALLED ON PASQUINELLI DRIVE

Construction on the Pasquinelli Drive Street Lighting Improvements Project, which included Dark Sky initiative recommendations, is now complete. The project utilizes Dark Sky lighting strategies through fixtures complying with the color temperature and shielding recommended by the International Dark Sky Association (IDA).

Some highlights of the project include:

- Demolition of the existing concrete poles, replaced with 13 aluminum poles
- Replacement of three lighting control cabinets
- Installation of approximately 10,500 feet of new streetlight cable
- Installation of 58 total Dark Sky-inspired light fixtures
- (36) 3000K fixtures on Pasquinelli Drive and (22) 2700K fixtures on Oakmont Drive



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

Steve T. Nero Westmont Village Trustee & Oakwood Resident (630) 776-8302 snero@westmont.il.gov





2024 Budget

	Budget
Ordinary Income/Expense	
Income	
601 — Assessments	
6012 — Assessments Current Year	63.342,
6013 — Late Fees	1.000,0
6014 — Lien File Fee	480,0
Total 601 — Assessments	64.822,0
604 — Advertising	
6041 — Advertising - Oak Leaf	1.300,0
6042 — Advertising - Directory	1.300,0
Total 604 — Advertising	2.600,0
Total Income	67.422,0
Gross Profit	67.422,0
Expense	
Lake Man. Committee	
803 — Lake Charles Water Maintenance	
80302 — Lake Water Testing Program	400,0
80304 — Fish Restocking Program	4.000,0
80305 — Fish Feeder	900,
80307 — Aeration Program	910,
80308 — Aeration Electrical Running (
80309 — Algae Control	
80309 — Algae Control - Other	14.000,
Total 80309 — Algae Control	14.000,
Total 803 — Lake Charles Water Mainten	
806 — Eastern Shoreline Maintenance	
80601 — Minor Repairs, Clean up	600,
80602 — Mulch for Eastern Shoreline	100,
80603 — Emergent Plants - Eastern SI	
80604 — Weed Control and Abatemen	
80605 — Tree Removal	275,
Total 806 — Eastern Shoreline Maintena	
83002 — Lake Management Committee A	·
830021 — Training and Books	100,
830022 — Volunteer Appreciation	150,
830023 — Lake Committee Administra	
Total 83002 — Lake Management Comm	,
Total Lake Man. Committee	25.115,
Landscape Committee	25.115,0
-	4.500
80201 — Beach General Maintenance	1.500,0

2024 Budget (cont.)

	80202 — Common Area Maintenance	500,00	
	80203 — General Landscape Maintenance	13.600,00	
	80204 — Cul De Sac Improvements	1.400,00	
	80521 — Irrigation - Entrances		
	805211 — Irrigation Water - North Ent.	650,00	
	805212 — Irrigation water - South Ent.	650,00	
	805213 — Irrigation system maintenance	800,00	
	Total 80521 — Irrigation - Entrances	2.100,00	
	80522 — Entrance Maintenance		
	80520 — Annual Plants	600,00	
	805221 — North Entrance Maintenance	500,00	
	805222 — South Entrance Maintenance	500,00	
	805223 — Christmas Lights	500,00	
	Total 80522 — Entrance Maintenance	2.100,00	
	80523 — Landscape Administration	50,00	
	Total Landscape Committee	21.250,00	
	OHA Board		
	811 — Mail Box Cost	282,00	
	813 — Meetings & Events		
	81301 — Association Annual Meeting		
	813011 — A.M Notification and Com.	500,00	
	813013 — A. M Raffle	100,00	
	Total 81301 — Association Annual Meeting	600,00	
	81302 — Meeting & Events Other	300,00	
	Total 813 — Meetings & Events	900,00	
	823 — Legal Services		
	82311 — Corporate Registered Agent	200,00	
	82399 — Other Legal Services	900,00	
	Total 823 — Legal Services	1.100,00	
	83302 — General Liability Insurance	4.000,00	
	Total OHA Board	6.282,00	
	Social Committee		
	81341 — Children's Halloween Party	1.600,00	
	81343 — Children's Easter Party	1.350,00	
	81350 — Oaktoberfest	1.210,00	
	81370 — Oakwood Fishing Derby	1.870,00	
	Total Social Committee	6.030,00	
	814 — Communications	,	
$\parallel \parallel \parallel$	8141 — Newsletters		
$\parallel \parallel \parallel$	81420 — Newsletter Printing	1.575,00	
	81430 — Newletter Delivery	640,00	

2024 Budget (cont.)

Total 8141 —	Newsletters	2.215,00
8161 — Mem	ber/Resident Directory	
81620 — F	rinting	1.550,00
81630 — E	istribution/Delivery	160,00
Total 8161 —	Member/Resident Directory	1.710,00 75,00
8171 — Weld	ome New Residents	
8181 — Web	Site	
81802 — V	Veb Hosting	160,00
Total 8181 —	Web Site	160,00
Total 814 — Co	mmunications	4.160,00
820 — Financia	I	
	ng & Accounting	
82101 — A	udit Fees	3.780,00
Total 821 — A	Auditing & Accounting	3.780,00
840 — Finan	cial Admin	
8401 — Po	stage	450,00
8402 — St	pplies	300,00
8403 — Ba	nk Charges/Lien Fees	35,00
8404 — Pr	inting/Folding	20,00
Total 840 — Financial Admin Total 820 — Financial		805,00
		4.585,00
Total Expense		67.422,00
Net Ordinary Income		0,00
Other Income/Expense		
Other Income		
603 — Interest	ncome	
6035 — Inter	est MM Account	5,00
6040 — Inter	est Income Investments	4.250,00
Total 603 — Inte	erest income	4.255,00
Total Other Income		4.255,00
Net Other Income		4.255,00
et Income		4.255,00

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Neighborhood Watch

CAROL JOHNSON, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

SAFETY REMINDERS

- Be sure to LOCK your car doors. It is a simple form of prevention.
- WATCH YOUR SPEED. Stop signs are not a "suggestion". It is our understanding that most of the violators are residents of Oakwood. Some drivers have been observed not even slowing down.
- Westmont Police and Fire remind everyone Do Not Hesitate. See It, Report It Call 9-1-1

FROM THE VILLAGE

DO NOT HESITATE - CALL 9-1-1

"There are too many instances in which we learn after the fact that people hesitated calling 9-1-1 in an emergency situation," said Fire Chief Steve Riley. "In an emergency situation, seconds can mean the difference between life and death. Calling 9-1-1 immediately at the first hint of a possible emergency situation is the best way to save lives and protect property. Westmont has first responders stationed on both sides of the downtown Westmont railroad tracks and we typically arrive at the location of the emergency within a couple of minutes. I cannot stress enough how important it is to call 9-1-1 for all emergencies. Do not hesitate." Following are some of the situations in which you should call 9-1-1:

- FIRE If you see a fire, call 9-1-1 Remember, big fires usually start out as small fires
- CRIME IN PROGRESS If you are witnessing a potential crime in progress, call 9-1-1
- CAR ACCIDENT If you see a car accident, call 9-1-1 a person may be injured or the accident may be causing a potential traffic concern
- INJURY OR MEDICAL EMERGENCY If a person is in physical or emotional distress, call 9-1-1 whether
 a person is struggling to breathe, having chest pains, experiencing an allergic reaction, bleeding heavily, or
 expressing emotional distress, call 9-1-1.
- SUSPICIOUS BEHAVIOR If you witness any type of suspicious behavior, do not hesitate, call 9-1-1

Police, Fire and Paramedics are trained to respond to emergency calls and provide assistance. However, some people

don't call 9-1-1 when there is a legitimate emergency for a variety of reasons, such as: assuming someone else has already called, not wanting to get involved, feeling uncertain that this particular incident is an emergency.

"Many of us have been brought up to hesitate calling 9-1-1, unless it's a 'true' emergency," said Westmont Police Chief Jim Gunther. "Public safety technology and communications systems have greatly improved over the years. Dispatchers can handle emergencies and less urgent calls without tying up the phone lines. If you want or need emergency services to respond to an incident, call 9-1-1 immediately."

The Westmont Police and Fire Departments want all of our citizens and guests to feel comfortable calling 9-1-1. Even if a situation ends up not being as serious as initially thought, it is better to be safe, than sorry.

"In some cases, we have responded to fires in which there are people on the scene of the fire and taking pictures and videos for social media, but no one actually called 9-1-1 to report the fire," added Riley. "I cannot stress enough how important it is to call and report emergencies as quickly as possible."



Neighborhood Watch (cont.)

RESIDENTS ENCOURAGED TO PRACTICE NIGHTLY 9 P.M. ROUTINE

Citizens are encouraged to keep their homes and property safe by remembering to follow the 9 P.M. ROUTINE each and every night. The routine reminds residents to make sure they follow a simple safety checklist that can help keep citizens and their property safe. Setting an alarm on your phone or watch can help remind you to do the following:

- SECURE YOUR CAR Even if your car is inside your garage, make sure your car is locked, and never leave your keys or garage door opener in your car.
- LOCK THE GARAGE Check to make sure that your garage door is closed and that side doors are locked.
- CHECK YOUR MAIL Pick up your mail every day.
- LOCK YOUR HOUSE Make sure that all doors and windows are locked before going to bed.
- SEE SOMETHING SAY SOMETHING If you see something or someone suspicious, do not hesitate, call 9-1-1









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Village Chamber of Commerce

LARRY FORSSBERG, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, WESTMONT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM BUREAU

The Westmont Chamber will host a Westmont Winter Ball open to all on Saturday, January 20th at the Hilton, here is a link for additional details and to RSVP: https://business.westmontchamber.com/events/details/westmont-winter-ball-2024-12645

Westmont had a number of new commercial development projects in 2023. Following is a list of projects from the past year as well as items scheduled for 2024:

DOWNTOWN WESTMONT CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT

- West Quincy Streetscape Project Project continues towards completion, expected to be finished by the end of 2023. Planning for Phase 2 underway, construction scheduled for 2025
- 3 W. Quincy Street Whisky Hill Brewing Project approved, plans for construction are moving forward
- 7 W. Quincy Street Crown's Fish & Chicken Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 15 W. Quincy Street Tokyo Restaurant Proposed to be open in 2024
- 7 S. Lincoln Street Shop 4 Less Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 1 S. Cass Avenue State Representative Jenn Ladich Douglass District Office Opened February 3, 2023
- 36 S. Cass Avenue, Unit 28 Feydom Furniture Showroom Opened March 2023
- 100 S. Cass Avenue Companion Animal Rehab & Athletics Opened June 2023
- 110 S. Cass Avenue The Lash Doctor Opened April 2023
- 111 S. Cass Avenue New Holy Trinity Parish Center Project approved, plans for construction are moving forward
- S. Linden & E. Dallas Westmont Park District Center Scheduled to open first quarter of 2024
- 4 W. Burlington Avenue J-TRACK-NUTRITION Scheduled to open first quarter of 2024
- 10 W. Burlington Avenue Roci Hair Salon Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 13 -21 East Burlington Avenue Demolition of buildings for future redevelopment opportunities Completed October 2023
- 16 W. Burlington Avenue Burlington Health Services Scheduled to open first quarter of 2024
- 15 N. Cass Avenue The Mane Lab Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 34 N. Cass Avenue Beauty and the Baker Proposed to be open Fall 2024
- 42 N. Cass Avenue Former China Chef building purchased, new asian restaurant to open Proposed to open second quarter of 2024
- 109 N. Cass Avenue Demolition of buildings for future redevelopment opportunities Completed September 2023
- 124 N. Cass Avenue L Boutique & Spa Scheduled to open first quarter of 2024
- 134 N. Cass Avenue Agsant Insurance Company Opened August 2023
- 246 N. Cass Avenue Neat Kitchen + Bar Expansion, Opened October 2023
- 2 W. Naperville Road Mrs. T's Pizza Opened June 2023
- 17 E. Chicago Avenue Urban Tri-Gear expansion Retail store approved, open date TBD

SOUTH WESTMONT BUSINESS DISTRICT

- 6154 S. Cass Avenue Encore Car Wash Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 6160 S. Cass Avenue Evolve Dental Opened March 2023
- 6320 S. Cass Avenue Medical Office Scheduled to open first quarter of 2024



Village Chamber of Commerce (cont.)

- 6344 S. Cass Avenue Phoenix Nail Salon Relocation -Opened October 2023
- 6490 S. Cass Avenue Belle Tire Store Building a new store, open date TBD
- 80 W. 63rd Street Freddy's Frozen Custard & Steakburgers -Opened August 2023
- 720 W. 63rd Street Truepower Generator Service -Scheduled to open first quarter of 2024
- 1131 S. Fairview Avenue The Country Nest Resale Shop -Opened October 2023

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NORTH WESTMONT BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

- 420 N. Cass Avenue Cass Avenue Dream Homes Final phase under construction, proposed to be completed in 2024
- 649 N. Cass Avenue Dough Daddy's Pizza Opened first quarter of 2023
- 13 W. Ogden Avenue Wing Stop Scheduled to open first guarter of 2024
- 52 E. Ogden Avenue Skyzone Scheduled to open second quarter of 2024
- 600 Oakmont Lane, Suite 650 Midwest Mechanical Group Scheduled to open first guarter of 2024
- 665A Pasquinelli Drive D Cuisine Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 725 Pasquinelli Drive McGrath Auto Body Repair Shop Proposed to be open in 2024
- 910 Pasquinelli Drive 5/3 Bank Operations Center Opened February 2023
- 1111 Pasquinelli Drive Suite 600 ADT Planning to open Winter 2023-2024
- 145 Plaza Drive Net Games Scheduled to open first guarter of 2024

If you have any questions regarding economic development or are looking to open a business in Westmont, please contact Westmont Economic Development Partnership Director Larry Forssberg at Iforssberg@westmont.il.gov.



Oakwood 50th Anniversary

CAROL JOHNSON, NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH COMMITTEE

In previous issues of the Oak Leaf, we have recognized the 50th Anniversary of the Oakwood subdivision. The property that includes our subdivision became a part of the Village of Westmont in 1973.

However, many of the first residents of Oakwood didn't move into their homes until 1974 and later. Therefore, 2023 was just the beginning of our community, and for many, 2024 marks the true 50th Anniversary of Oakwood.

Therefore, THIS IS A CALL-OUT to first time residents to share your stories and pictures. The goal is to publish some in 2024 issues of the Oak Leaf and also to post them on the Oakwood website.

Please send your stories and pictures to Carol Johnson, 704 Oakwood Drive, or email them to carolinsn@aol.com

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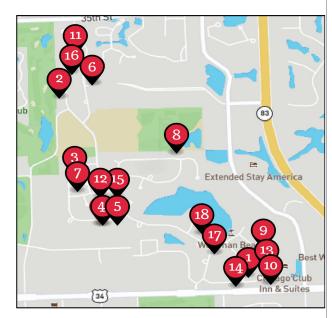


Real Estate Year in Review

For What It's Worth

2023 Oakwood Real Estate Year In Review

A Happy New Year to every one of my friends and neighbors living in Oakwood. 2023 is behind us, and our amazing little subdivision continues to be one of the most sought after areas in Westmont. Proximity to Westmont Junior High and Westmont High School, community involvement, great families, Ty Warner Park, and private 15 acre Lake Charles have all contributed to it's increasing popularity. 2023 saw a total of 18 properties change hands keeping pace with 18 in 2022. The average home in Oakwood spent only 6 days on the market and sold for an average \$485,702. 15% higher than anywhere else in Westmont! There are currently zero homes for sale as all available properties have closed. High demand and lowering interest rates should lead to continued competition among home buyers for all new Oakwood listings in 2024.



Oakwood	Closings	2023
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	Address	Closed	Beds	Bath	List price	Sold Price
1	648 Independence Ave.	01/10/2023	4	2.1	\$424,900	\$420,000
2	1012 Oakwood Dr.	01/19/2023	4	2.1	\$599,000	\$590,000
3	823 Franklin St.	03/03/2023	3	2.0	\$425,000	\$420,250
4	433 Philadelphia Ave.	04/04/2023	4	2.1	\$459,000	\$489,000
5	437 Philadelphia Ave.	05/03/2023	3	2.0	\$319,900	\$340,000
6	1017 Williamsburg St.	05/16/2023	4	2.1	\$479,000	\$469,500
7	416 Monticello Ave.	05/30/2023	4	2.1	\$469,000	\$465,000
8	566 Revere Ave.	06/30/2023	4	3.0	\$349,000	\$430,000
9	637 Newport Ave.	07/14/2023	4	2.1	\$525,000	\$512,500
10	601 Newport Ave.	07/28/2023	3	2.0	\$409,900	\$409,900
11	1109 Oakwood Dr.	07/28/2023	4	2.1	\$489,900	\$465,000
12	748 Quebec Pl.	08/18/2023	3	2.0	\$430,000	\$405,000
13	613 Newport Ave.	10/11/2023	3	2.0	\$479,500	\$479,500
14	637 Independence Ave.	10/30/2023	4	2.1	\$329,000	\$347,000
15	810 Oakwood Dr.	10/31/2023	4	3.1	\$725,000	\$760,000
16	1033 Oakwood Dr.	12/01/2023	3	2.1	\$449,900	\$400,000
17	639 Oakwood Dr.	12/01/2023	4	2.1	\$599,000	\$615,000
18	713 Oakwood Dr.	12/04/2023	3	2.1	\$725,000	\$725,000



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Village Communications

LARRY MCINTYRE, VILLAGE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

VILLAGE OFFICES HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

All Village of Westmont offices will be closed on the following dates:

- Monday, January 15
- Monday, February 19

HOLIDAY TREE PICKUP

Waste Management will provide their annual holiday tree pickup service January 2 to 12. Holiday trees should be put out along with your other recycling and garbage on your typical pickup day. Trees MUST not be placed in bags, MUST be free of decorations, tinsel, and lights to be picked up and composted. Trees taller than 6' should be cut in half.

WINTER FIRE SAFETY - KEEP THE WREATH RED

Check out the safety tips from our Westmont Fire Department to help ensure a happy and SAFE holiday season - westmont.illinois.gov

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HOLIDAY LIGHTS RECYCLING

Recycle your broken and unwanted holiday lights! Drop off locations at the Westmont Library, 428 N. Cass, and the Westmont Fire Dept., 6015 S. Cass - collection open through the end of January.

