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Oak Terrace Neighbors

Oak Terrace Easter Parade and Egg Hunt

Please join us Saturday, April 20th at 10:00am at Hansen Park (Willow and Elmwood). Decorate your bikes, wagons strollers and scooters...

anything with wheels! The best decorated vehicle will win a prize! Also, wear your finest Easter bonnet, helmet, hat, any type of headgear, decorated for the holiday. There will be a prize for the best of the best in this category also! Donations of candy-filled plastic eggs or cash are greatly appreciated. Please drop off donations at 19161 W. Lakeview Ave.



Diamond Lake History and Instructional Book Available for Free

There is now a new book available about the history and ways you can help prevent pollution and other negative impacts on Diamond Lake.

The book titled, "Our Gem: a History and Stewardship Guide for Diamond Lake," was written and published with the assistance of a grant from the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission in 2017 and 2018. The book explains how Diamond Lake was historically well known as a resort and recreation destination as well as the many ways that each of us can help preserve water quality and prevent pollution of this ancient and famous natural resource.

The book and grant are the result of a collaborative effort between the Diamond Lake Preservation Alliance, the Mundelein Park and Recreation District, the Lake County Health Department-Ecological Services, the Village of Mundelein, Fremont Township Highway Department and area lake communities.

Residents of the watershed may also pick-up a printed version of the book, while they last, from the Fremont Township office at 22385 W. Route 60 or from the front desk at the park district's Park View Fitness Center at 1401 N. Midlothian Rd. in Mundelein.

Boat Ramp keys

Board Member Ken Hohs will be distributing Boat ramp keys and Boat slip rentals for the 2019 season. Residents can either email Ken at kenhohs22@gmail.com or call/text him at 847-732-7370. Boat ramp keys will be \$25 for the year and a boat slip rental will be \$300 for the year, both available to members in good standing. Numerous Boat slips are available on a first come first served basis, Contact Ken to reserve your spot today!

Mundelein Ranked in America's "Top 100 Safest Cities" by Neighborhood Scout

The Village of Mundelein recently was ranked one of America's "Top 100 Safest Cities" by Neighborhood Scout for 2019. Mundelein ranked 49th up from 76th place last year. The organization's researchers targeted cities across America with 25,000 or more people, based on the total number of crimes per 1,000 residents. Crimes include burglary, larceny-theft, motor vehicle theft, homicide, rape, armed robbery, and aggravated assault. Data used for this research are the number of crimes reported to the FBI to have occurred in each city, and the population of each city.

"We were very pleased to hear the great news about being ranked one of the safest cities in the U.S. This recognition is a direct reflection of our hardworking, competent, and dedicated team. We are honored to have earned this recognition and it is a nice validation of the commitment all of our police officers give to their jobs every day," said Eric Guenther, Chief of Police.

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SPRING CLEAN UP

It was a beautiful, sunny morning for the March 16th Spring Clean up! Lots of trash was collected in and around the neighborhood. Thank you to everyone who donated your time, we appreciate it!

**Earth day: April 22nd**

Earth Day is an annual event celebrated on April 22nd. Worldwide, various events are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. Here are some ways you can make a difference this Earth day here in Oak Terrace:

- Plant wild flowers and native plants, Plants that attract butterflies, hummingbirds and native bees
- Start a vegetable garden
- Conserve water by using a rain barrel
- Cut back on plastic consumption and help to clean up your community
- Dog walkers, take along an extra bag to pick up debris and recyclables
- Neighborhood walkers and walking groups, carry along a extra bag too!

If you're not a walker, pick up in front of your house on the roadway and discard debris in your residential trash can. Just do what you can to make a difference, a little effort goes a long way!

**Save the Date:**

Last Community Closet: Saturday April 13th, 11.30am-1.30pm, West Oak middle school, 500 Acorn lane

Oak Terrace Easter Parade and Egg Hunt: April 20th @10am, Hansen Park

Earth day: Monday April 22nd, All day. Pick up the trash around Oak Terrace at the parks and roadside

Next Board Meeting: April 3rd, 7pm. Countryside Fire Station, Midlothian road, Mundelein

In this month's 'Get to know your neighbor' Q and A, Board member Ken Hohs of Lakeview shares his answers...

1. How long have you lived in Oak Terrace? - I have lived in Oak Terrace for 11 years, but have enjoyed Diamond Lake for the last 28 years as we moved from just a few blocks away
2. Favorite food? - My favorite meal would have to be Steak Frites with a side of spinach
3. Favorite song - "I Want You to Want Me" by Cheap Trick. It always brings me back to my college days, dating my wife and all the fun I had with friends
4. Last book you read? - "Who Stole My Cheese?!!". It lead me to making some very good business decisions
5. Favorite memory of Oak Terrace? - Seeing my family, friends and everyone else enjoying Diamond Lake
6. How would you spend an ideal day? - My Ideal day would start with an early morning set on the Slalom Course, bacon and eggs on the deck, some more skiing with family/friends, then some pontooning with plenty of cold High Life's in the cooler, a sunset Slalom set and then grill some steaks on the deck. (Can't wait till this long winter goes away!!)
7. Biggest fear? - The day I can no longer snow or water ski
8. What makes you happy? - Lots of things make me happy, including #6 above, vacationing with my wife, family and friends and last but not least being with my Grandkids and teaching them to ski!
9. Pet Peeve? - Littering, especially on the Lake. Many mornings we find beer bottles/cans floating around and I just don't get it!! (Of course we grab them and dispose of them properly)
10. Random fact about you? - I have a Black Belt in HapKiDo

