

Village of Orland Hills



Newsletter from the Village of Orland Hills

Winter 2026



Mayor Kyle R. Hastings

Orland Hills Tax Rebate Year Two We will repeat history again in Orland Hills

The application process for year 2 of the historic tax rebate will take place on Monday, February 16th; Tuesday, February 17th; Thursday, February 19; Friday, February 20th; and Saturday, February 28th at the Michael E. Hastings Sports Complex facility on Haven Avenue. We are proud to be one of the few towns who give back money to our homeowners. As we all know, a limited number of towns refund money to their residents. The Village of Crestwood is usually the only town that comes to mind when this topic comes up. The Village of Crestwood refunds money from their strong sales tax base, while Orland Hills will once again this year refund our share of taxes from our two cannabis stores.

Mayor Kyle Hastings said, *"I and the Board of Trustees are excited about year two of the tax give back. A lot of planning has been done by the Board to repeat this historic event. We proudly boast about this successful program because of how our residents benefit. Just imagine living in a town where you pay zero or a minor portion of the municipal tax. People from other towns say it is unheard of. This is a great moment in Orland Hills where we can say that many of us live property tax free or pay minimal property tax."*

The formula for the tax rebate is as follows:

$\$420,000 \text{ divided by the number of approved applicants} = (\text{maximum}) \text{ rebate amount}$

If we **estimate** that 1,000 tax-paying homeowners apply and are approved, we will take \$420,000 divided by 1,000 to equal the rebate the approved applicants/homeowners will receive. That will be the (maximum) rebate paid to approved homeowners.

There are several revenue streams that enter into Orland Hills in order for our Village to operate, but the most direct impact to our residents is Orland Hills property tax. Property taxes go to pay for our police protection, all aspects of public works, the recreation department operations, general administration of the Village, and all other services the Village provides.

Using our estimate of 1,000 tax-paying homeowners who apply, here are 3 examples of rebates:

► Example #1

You pay \$250 in Village of Orland Hills property tax:

$\$420,000 \text{ divided by } 1,000 \text{ homeowners} = \420

You will receive a check for the entire \$250 in tax you paid. The other portion of the \$420 will be placed into a line item fund for the next tax rebate.

► Example #2

You pay \$420 in Village of Orland Hills property tax:

$\$420,000 \text{ divided by } 1,000 \text{ homeowners} = \420

You will receive a \$420 check. All of your property tax will be refunded to you. Therefore, as a taxpayer, you will pay zero property tax to live in Orland Hills.

► Example #3

You pay \$750 in Village of Orland Hills property tax:

$\$420,000 \text{ divided by } 1,000 \text{ homeowners} = \420

You will receive a \$420 check. The remaining \$330 will be the difference between the total Village amount and the amount of tax rebate.

There are many ways this tax rebate benefits our Orland Hills residents. First, this helps by reducing a tax bill that no one likes to pay. Next, our home values go up because of this tax benefit. Our realtors always mention this to potential buyers in our Village. Lastly, residents in our Village say we live in a place where we pay little or no property tax.

Mayor Hastings added, *"This is another example of why Orland Hills is a great place to live! Whether you use this refund check for your taxes, another bill, or vacation money, this is another great moment in our Village. Enjoy your property tax refund!"*

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SHOP IN ORLAND HILLS

Why it matters to buy gasoline in Orland Hills.

We have many successful businesses in the Village of Orland Hills. As an Administration, we advocate for all residents to spend their dollars within the Village limits.

One of the business entities which affects our daily lives is gasoline. We all look for the best gasoline prices when we fill up our gas tanks. But a majority of us may not realize that purchasing gas in Orland Hills directly contributes toward our projects to repair Village streets.

Orland Hills receives a portion of the state's total gasoline tax based upon population and we also receive an extra portion of the tax on gasoline purchased within the Village. The portion of the tax which is placed on gas purchased in Orland Hills is called the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT). The amount of MFT money the Village received last year was \$402,790.

Why does this matter to our town? It is very important because the Village uses the MFT dollars to fix streets that are in need of repair. Our Administration meets yearly to analyze the amount of MFT dollars received and then we plan how many streets can be repaired. Fortunately, the MFT dollar rate has been stable and the gas companies determine the overall price of gas. But unfortunately, the cost of labor, materials, and everything else is going up, making the price of construction for the streets much more expensive.

Mayor Kyle Hastings said, *"I am one of the first people to complain about gas prices when they go up. But now I am mindful of comparing prices at other gas stations. Even if the price is reasonably a little more, I will always purchase gasoline in Orland Hills because pennies add up to dollars which repair streets in our Village."*

REMEMBER TO SHOP IN ORLAND HILLS – IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!



While driving by our Village Hall we hope you noticed our new digital sign. This is another way of keeping our residents informed.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT



The Recreation Department, under the administration of Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the Board of Trustees, would like to highlight some of last year's achievements. These accomplishments include capital park improvements, special event activities, and recreational programming.

Since January 2024 the Michael E. Hastings Sports Complex has been home to many organizations and the list continues to grow! Our Fitness Center is also growing, with residents and members renewing and many more joining! Check out the following pages for more information on how to join the Village of Orland Hills Fitness Center.

SPRING FESTIVITIES

This year we hosted our popular Hippity Hoppity Events to celebrate Easter. The Easter Bunny Egg Hunt was a huge success on the synthetic turf field. We added a photo opportunity in the lobby with the Easter Bunny for last-minute pictures. This was a wonderful addition to this popular event!

The Village hosted an Easter Parade which consisted of the Easter Bunny, a Public Works truck, and police cars in front and at the rear. It was a gorgeous but cooler day for the parade and many residents were excited to see the Easter Bunny. The Easter Bunny rode through the Village waving and tossing out candy to the residents.

In the spring we were able to extend our hours over the weekend and in the evenings for our residents celebrating Ramadan to come together to celebrate this holiday.

Once the weather broke, staff began our Spring/Summer cleanup of the parks, which included painting

the parks, replacing timber around Kelly Park and Elm Park, checking park equipment, and refilling the wood chips in each of the parks.

This past spring we offered for the inaugural Spring Wolves Flag Football program. It was a successful first year with 88 participants! Stay tuned for this year's spring registration dates.

In May, the Recreation Department held our 5th Annual Bass Fishing Tournament. Anglers of all ages participated. The winner, Glen Gage, caught a 12" largemouth bass.

SUMMERTIME FUN

Our outdoor Pickleball courts were extremely popular this summer with the courts being used daily. Players young and old came out to enjoy the courts.

We kicked off our 2025 Movies on the Green on the Thursday before Party in the Park with the featured film "The Sandlot." Many families enjoyed the show. We extended the program throughout the summer and fall, when we featured "Moana" in July, "Encanto" in August, and "The Descendants" in September. We want to give a big "Thank You" to Joey's Food Truck for being at our Movies on the Green!

In June, the Village hosted our annual Party In the Park celebration. Attendees enjoyed music from the Hillbilly Rockstarz, Hairbangers Ball, Breakfast Club, and American English, just to name a few bands! The fireworks from Mad Bomber were amazing, as always. The children enjoyed creepy critters presented by Crosstown Exotics, face painting, and the petting zoo.



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RECREATION DEPARTMENT

We also hosted the Tinley Park Bookmobile for Storytime in the Park on Wednesdays in June, July, and August to read stories to our community's children. We are proud to have had the opportunity to extend the Tinley Park Library's Storytime program in winter of 2025 at the Community Center on Thursdays. What a wonderful program for our community to enjoy!

This summer we were able to begin using our new Turf Tank, which is a robotic paint machine to paint all of our field lines. This machine helped our staff with painting the fields weekly and gave the department more time to accomplish projects such as refurbishing the bridges in the community.



In July, we once again were able to host practices for the Orland Hills Tinley Park Bobcats Tackle Football program. Our staff did a fantastic job maintaining the field conditions and being readily available to help out.

The 43rd Annual Fishing Derby was held at Ashbourne Lake on Saturday, August 2nd. More than 80 people participated or were in attendance for this event, which included 43 registered anglers. Some of the largest fish caught at the fishing derby were a 6" pan fish caught by Benjamin Hernandez, a 9" largemouth bass caught by Noah Masloweic, and an 18.5" catfish caught by Ryder Mets. Congratulations!

A special thank you to Trustee Roti, Trustee Hastings II, Clerk Jennifer Iannantone, and our Game Warden Tim Siple for making this another success event!



FALL ACTIVITIES

In early fall, the Orland Hills Wolves Youth Flag Football League kicked off their 6th season at Kelly Park with 111 participants. The players began with clinics, team practices, scrimmages, and league games. A huge thank you for Joey's Food Truck being here every game day. Every year the league gets larger!

On October 25th the Recreation Department hosted the 32nd Annual Halloween Costume Bash. New to this amazing event was Creepy Crawlers, provided by Crosstown Exotics! We rounded out the festivities with music provided by Mobile DJ Services (Judy Jenks), candy and treats from rec staff members, jumpies inside the gym, and a costume judging contest. The first, second, and third place winners of each age group received plaques.





On November 8th we hosted the 32nd Annual 1-Mile Junior / 5k Open Turkey Trot Race. All participants received a medal and a hooded sweatshirt. The race started at Kelly Park and ran through the paths in the Village. The day was cold and windy, but overall, it was a great day. We had a great turnout, with 129 people registered for the race, 40 participated in the 1-Mile Jr. Race, and more than 75 racers participated in the 5K Open Race.

In November, the staff prepared Lake Ashbourne for a controlled burn. Staff did a great job with getting this location ready.

HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Santa Came to Orland Hills on Saturday, December 6th to ring in the 2025 Holiday season! Santa flew in on a helicopter at Kelly Park to the largest crowd on record! Hot chocolate and cookies provided by Crave were served to the residents who attended.

After his arrival, Santa rode through the Village by horse-drawn carriage, spreading holiday cheer to all of the residents of Orland Hills. Everyone loved seeing Santa!

On Saturday, December 6th, we held our 2nd Annual Winter Wonderland event. More than 400 people participated. Before guests experienced a magical trip down Candy Cane Lane, they were welcomed into the building under the twinkling lights to watch holiday movies in our cozy theater, decorate cookies, make ornaments, and write letters to Santa!

Santa was, as always, a huge hit with the crowd, along with the Grinch. The wonderful “Frozen” princesses also came to visit. This year, we added “Buddy” the elf.

The fun continued in the Sports Complex, with obstacle jumpies and more. We had holiday music on

the turf and wonderful music playing from our DJ in the gym (Judy Jenks). Thank you to all who made this event a huge success again!

On Saturday, December 13th we boarded a Polar Express train to the “North Pole” to visit Santa! Families were greeted by our staff as they entered into a magical train car filled with twinkling lights and holiday cheer to take a ride to find Santa to get a picture.

On the way back home, Santa passed out the first gift of Christmas to all the children who were aboard the train. Our staff handed out special goodies to all the children. During the ride, Santa, rec staff, and families sang Christmas carols. As families were leaving the train car, the song “Hot Chocolate” was playing to help guide them to the hot chocolate station we brought back.

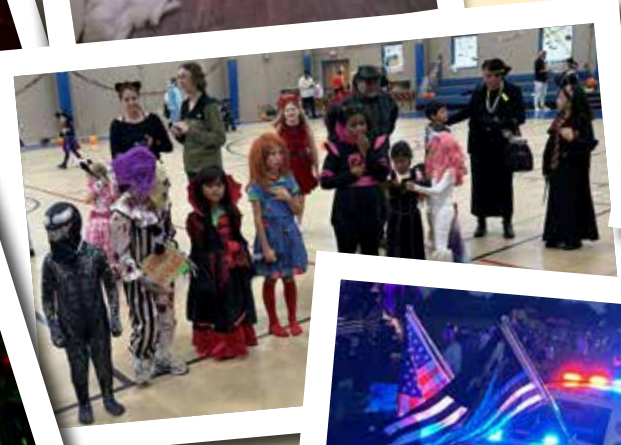
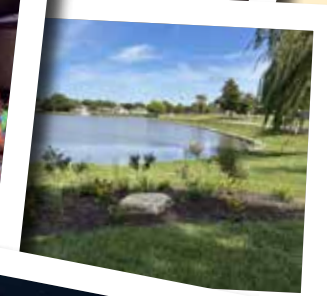
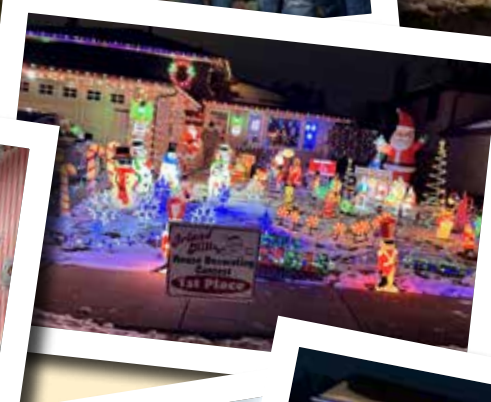


On Friday, December 12th through Sunday, December 14th, residents were treated to “The Santa Parade” where Trustee Tracy Roti, Clerk Jen Iannantone, Public Works, and the Police Department escorted Santa through every street, cul-de-sac, and housing complex within the Village over the span of three evenings.

On December 20th, we hosted the annual Breakfast with Santa, with over 500 in attendance. This is the largest attendance to date! Kids were given coloring books and crayons, toys, and candy while they enjoyed their breakfast. Then, guests lined up for a picture with Santa and the Grinch!

As we enter the year of the Fire Horse, 2026 will be a great year for the Recreation Department. We will be evaluating current programs and looking into offering new and exciting programs to bring the best activities and events to our community. We are always open to suggestions on new activities or events.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO ANOTHER GREAT YEAR AHEAD IN 2026!





VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS

January 27, 2026

Dear Neighbors,


It is my honor to inform you that the Village of Orland Hills is going to make history again in the upcoming months. The first step happened when residents voted on a referendum to refund a portion of the Village's cannabis tax money back to our residents. The next step will happen in the middle of February when residents will have the opportunity to apply for a Tax Rebate. This is the second time in the history of Orland Hills that money will be given back to our residents.

The Tax Rebate will be based only on the Village of Orland Hills portion of the property tax bill you pay. The formula we will use is:

\$420,000 divided by the number of approved applicants = the reimbursement

The application is enclosed in this envelope along with other information regarding the Tax Rebate. You can also go on the Village of Orland Hills website (www.orlandhills.org) to print the application. As you will see, there are easy steps to follow in order to qualify. If you have any questions, please call the Village Hall and your questions will be answered.

Sincerely,


Kyle R. Hastings
Mayor

The Mayor, Clerk, Board of Trustees, and Village Staff are proud to announce the Village's 2nd Residential Tax Rebate Program. The following guidelines apply.

To qualify for the tax rebate, the applicant:

- Must be a **property owner living** in a single-family home, townhome, or residential condominium unit
- Must qualify for a **Homeowner's Exemption** per their 2024 Property Tax bill (billed in 2025)
- Must **provide proof of residency** in their home with a current valid Illinois driver's license or state identification card listing the homeowner's Orland Hills address
- Must **reside in the home** at the time the application is submitted
- Must **have a current 2025-2026 vehicle sticker** validated by the Village at application drop off

Applications must include:

- A **copy** of your **2024 Property Tax Bill Proof of Payment** (paid in CY 2025) - instructions enclosed
- A **copy** of your current valid **Illinois driver's license or Illinois state identification card**. One individual on the tax bill must provide a valid driver's license.

*Original documents will **NOT** be accepted. Village personnel will **NOT** make copies under any circumstances. Applicants must provide **copies** of all requested materials.*

A rebate check will NOT be processed if:

- You have **not purchased a current vehicle sticker** for all vehicles garaged at your residence
- You have a **past due ticket or violation** owed to the Village at the time of application
- You have **not paid your 2024 property taxes**

Failure to submit complete and accurate information by the deadline will result in the rejection of your application.

THE PROPERTY TAX REBATE APPLIES ONLY TO THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS PORTION OF THE TAX BILL

All applications and supporting documents must be submitted to the Village of Orland Hills at:

The Orland Hills Community Center - 16553 S. Haven Avenue, Orland Hills
Monday, February 16; Tuesday February 17; Thursday, February 19; Friday February 20, all from 1:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday, February 28 from 1:00pm-4:00pm



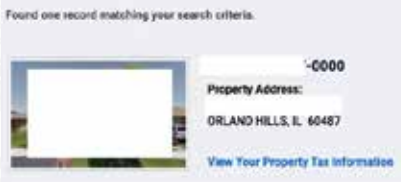

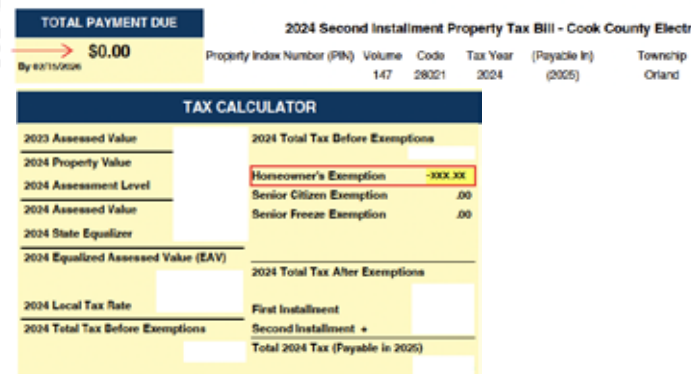
Checks will be available for pickup by the homeowner at:

The Orland Hills Community Center - 16553 S. Haven Avenue, Orland Hills
Monday, April 13; Tuesday, April 14; Wednesday, April 15; Thursday, April 16; Friday April 17, all from 1:00pm-7:00pm
Saturday, April 18 from 1:00pm-5:00pm



VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS

How to Access & Print Your Tax Year 2024 Second Installment Tax Bill

<p>1. Go to https://www.cookcountytreasurer.com/</p>	
<p>2. Click on the Your Property Tax Overview section:</p>	
<p>3. Search for your Property Tax information by Property Index Number (PIN) or Property Address.</p>	
<p>4. Confirm your property and click View Your Property Tax Information.</p>	
<p>5. On the Your Property Tax Overview page, scroll down to Download Your Tax Bill. Click on Tax Year 2024 Second Installment.</p>	
<p>6. Print your Tax Year 2024 Second Installment tax bill. Make sure the Total Payment Due shows \$0.00 on page 1 in the upper left portion of your tax bill AND make sure in the TAX CALCULATOR section on the bottom left of page 1 that it shows you are receiving a Homeowner's Exemption.</p>	

If you are not receiving a Homeowner's Exemption, you are not entitled to this property tax rebate. If you are not receiving a Homeowner's Exemption, but you should be, you need to go to the Cook County Assessor's website and fill out a Certificate of Error. (<https://www.cookcountyassessoril.gov/certificates-error>)

You will need to create an account with the Assessor's office and they will email you instructions. Or, click [Apply online for tax year 2024](https://propertytaxfilings.cookcountyil.gov/Filing/FilingType/Info/CCAO_EXEMPTION_2024_PROD) (https://propertytaxfilings.cookcountyil.gov/Filing/FilingType/Info/CCAO_EXEMPTION_2024_PROD). Fill out and submit your **Certificate of Error Application for Exemptions** and print a copy of the application. Bring this copy along with the rest of the paperwork needed in order for your rebate to be processed.



VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS

APPLICATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY TAX REBATE

Turn In Deadline: February 28, 2026 no later than 4:00pm

Application Drop Off and Check Pick Up at: The Orland Hills Community Center, 16553 S Haven Ave

For purpose of identification and proof of residence, **copies** of the following documents **must** be submitted with your application:

- **COPY** of your 2024 PROPERTY TAX BILL PROOF OF PAYMENT, which were paid in CY 2025. Internet copies of property tax information will be accepted and can be obtained at <https://www.cookcountytreasurer.com>. See enclosed instructions on how to access that document.
- **COPY** of your current valid Illinois driver's license or Illinois state identification card listing the homeowner's Orland Hills address.

PLEASE NOTE: Original documents will NOT be accepted. Village personnel will NOT make copies of original documents.

CLEARLY PRINT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION BELOW

Homeowner's name(s) _____

Homeowner's address: _____ Permanent Index Number (PIN) _____

Homeowner's contact phone number: _____ (Mark one: cell home work)

I HEREBY CERTIFY ...

- that I held legal or equitable title to such Homestead Real Estate continuously between January 1, 2025 and the date of this application.
- that I am the homeowner and currently reside at the above address.
- that I have received no rental income generated from the property in 2025.
- that I have no tickets or violations owed to the Village of Orland Hills.
- that I have a current 2025-2026 Village vehicle sticker for all vehicles in my household.
- that I acknowledge my responsibility (when applicable) in reporting this relief to the IRS as part of my annual income tax filing.
- that the undersigned has paid all of the 2024 real estate taxes, either directly or through my mortgage lender, and there is no other prior subsequent owner who has paid, in whole or part, such taxes.
- that if I knowingly falsify information on this application, the Village has the right to seek a refund and take any legal remedies available to the Village.

Signature (s) _____ Date: _____

_____ Date: _____

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- Failure to provide complete and accurate information will result in the rejection of your application.
- All completed applications must be received on or before 4:00pm, February 28, 2026. Applications received by the Village after this date will not be accepted. **No Exceptions.**
- **ALL OUTSTANDING MONIES OWED TO THE VILLAGE MUST BE PAID PRIOR TO APPLICATION DROP OFF IN ORDER TO QUALIFY FOR THE 2024 PROPERTY TAX REBATE.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

	Verified by:		Verified by:
No Outstanding Fines		Driver's License with Orland Hills Address	
Vehicle Stickers Purchased		Homestead Exemption	
Copy of 2024 Second Installment Cook County Property Tax Bill Total Payment Due = \$0			

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT



FLASH FLOODS Winter Storms

Winter storms can cause flash flooding! Please remember to check your sump pump and discharge line to insure they are working properly. Check your gutters & downspouts to insure they divert water away from your foundation. If you have a sewer near your home, check to make sure the grate is free & clear of debris. Time spent now could protect against basement flooding.



QUESTIONS ABOUT FLOODING?

- ✓ Call the Building Department at 708-349-4887

SEWER PROBLEMS?

- ✓ Ask the Village Hall for a free copy of *Guide to Flood Protection*



WET BASEMENT?

- ✓ Inspect Your Sump Pump
- ✓ Make Sure Your Downspouts Drain Away From Your House
- ✓ Ask the Village Hall for a free copy of *Guide to Flood Protection*

FLOOD MAPS AND FLOOD PROTECTION

The Village Building Department in the Village Hall provides the following:

- ✓ Information on whether a property is in mapped floodplain and related Flood Insurance Rate Map Data
- ✓ Records of past flooding
- ✓ Free Copies of the Village's *Guide to Flood Protection*
- ✓ Advice on how to protect a building from water problems
- ✓ Guidance on the laws that govern construction and property improvements
- ✓ Site visits to view the cause of and possible solutions to a problem

Call the Building Department at (708)349-4887 with any questions.

Flood Maps and Flood Protection references are also available at the Tinley Park Library www.tplibrary.org.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Village receives a significant amount of complaints regarding drainage issues. Often this occurs when a neighbor builds up their yard, plants a garden, or puts something in a drainage easement that should not be there. Residents do not always recognize how these actions can affect other yards. Please do not put anything in drainage easements.

In the Village of Orland Hills, it is prohibited to alter side and rear yard drainage easements and swales. The easements and swales are engineered to carry storm water to sewers and detention ponds. The elevations and grades are to be left as they were originally intended. Except for grass, no other landscaping, gardens, or buildings are allowed. Easements and swales that were altered should be returned to their original and intended condition.



All work over \$100 in value requires a permit. Examples of projects that require permits include fences, sheds, pools, decks, patios, walks, sprinkler systems, retaining walls, and driveways. Additions or alterations in electrical or plumbing work require a permit and must be installed to code.

Thank you for your cooperation. If you have any questions, feel free to call the Building Department at 708-349-4887.





SAFETY TIPS

Loss of utilities can leave communities without such vital services as police, fire, and medical protection. JULIE's tips for outdoor digging projects include:

1. Call **JULIE (1-800-892-0123)** before you dig
2. Wait the required amount of time (two working days)
3. Respect the marks
4. Dig with care

Today, utility companies and municipalities that supply power, gas, water, and telecommunications often deliver these services underground. As a result, JULIE, Inc. and its members are promoting the importance of calling the Illinois One-Call System before you begin any digging projects. They also stress safe-digging practices to professional excavators and homeowners as part of a statewide "Dig Safely Illinois" education campaign.

"According to state law, anyone planning an outdoor project that requires digging, regardless of the depth or the size of the outdoor project, should call JULIE at 1-800-892-0123," said Kevin Chmura, director of Public Relations at JULIE, Inc. *"The call to JULIE and service provided by members are free to the excavator. Call center operators are available to receive and process calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week."*

JULIE, Inc. is a not-for-profit corporation that provides excavators with a toll-free number (1-800-892-0123) for the free locating and marking of underground facilities. JULIE serves as a notification service for underground facility owners, taking information about planned excavations and distributing this information to its membership. It is then the responsibility of each facility owner to mark the location of their underground facilities at the excavation site. JULIE neither owns nor marks any underground facilities.

JULIE promotes an easier, safer digging environment and serves the entire state

of Illinois outside of the city of Chicago, which is covered by DIGGER. Illinois law requires anyone digging to call JULIE at least two working days prior to the start of excavation and to begin that project within 14 calendar days from the call. The 48-hour notice does not include Saturdays, Sundays or holidays.

Established in 1974, JULIE represents 1,750 members. JULIE has 100 employees during peak periods and is located in a state-of-the-art facility in Joliet, Illinois. For more information visit www.illinois1call.com.

TYPES OF OUTDOOR PROJECTS

Common examples of homeowner projects that require a call to JULIE before digging include putting up a fence, installing a swing set, a mailbox post or new water feature, building of a deck or room addition; preparing a new garden area or adding new trees, bushes or shrubs.

Home Improvements

The Building Department is located in the Village Complex, upper level at 16033 S. 94th Avenue. The Village of Orland Hills is always happy to see home improvements! Not only does it add value to your home but also to the homes around you. In order to serve you better, please read the following guidelines prior to making these improvements:

How to go about getting a Building Permit

1. Applications are available to apply for a permit at the Village Hall. Applications can also be downloaded from www.orlandhills.org.
2. Complete all information requested on the application (no blank spaces) and submit, if requested, 4 sets of detailed plans and a plat of survey. Plats of survey must be marked with the location of the construction project. Example: Mark on your plat where your patio will be located.
3. Make sure the contractor you have selected is licensed, bonded and insured with the Village of Orland Hills prior to applying for your permit. (If this is not completed, this can sometimes prolong the processing of your permit.) It is important that you tell the contractor up front that he needs to be licensed with the village.
4. Once all paperwork is properly filled out and submitted – wait time is approximately 4 – 7 business days.
5. Absolutely no work is to be started prior to permit approval.
6. The Building Department will contact you when your permit has been approved and is available for pick up.
7. Place the permit card in a window that is visible to the street and begin your improvement!

How to go about getting an Inspection

ALL INSPECTIONS MUST BE CALLED IN 24HRS IN ADVANCE.

1. All inspections are marked on the inspection sheet accompanying your permit when the permit card is picked up.
2. Simply call the Building Department and schedule an inspection 24 hours prior.
4. Most contractors know in advance when they will be at your house to begin work and an approximate time of when an inspection will need to be done.
5. If you are doing the work yourself, please call and give us as much advance notice as possible. The Building Department understands the limited time people have to do home improvements. However, we also don't like to be taken advantage of. Just call... we are willing to work with you.

Any questions?

Please do not hesitate to call the Village Building Department at 708-349-4887. We appreciate your cooperation.

PARKING REMINDERS . . .

NO PARKING ON VILLAGE STREETS AFTER 1" OF SNOWFALL

During snowfall of 1" or more, please DO NOT park your vehicles on Village streets. Please be respectful to your neighbors. Our snowplows and emergency vehicles need to get down the streets safely. Public Works will not be responsible for snowplowing in or around your car. If your household has a lot of cars, you need to make arrangements to get your cars off the streets and cul-de-sacs.

Orland Hills has the best plowed streets in the south suburbs! If you are unhappy about the parked cars on the street and the plows not being able to do their job, talk to your neighbors or call the Police Department at 708-349-4434.

PLEASE DO NOT PARK YOUR CAR IN FRONT OF A MAILBOX

If your car is parked in front of a mailbox, the post office cannot deliver the mail. Certain people rely on the mail. Plus, it is just plain rude. Although mail may not be important to you, it may be important to the person whose mailbox you are blocking. Please, be a good neighbor and park your car elsewhere.

Thank you kindly.

This is based on many complaints through-out the year.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



As a new year begins, let's reflect on the past year and what the Public Works Department has been up to.

We started off 2025 with snowplowing. **SNOW PLOWING WILL ALWAYS BE THE #1 PRIORITY IN OUR VILLAGE.** Our residents deserve the safest and cleanest streets! Not only did we snowplow, we also made sure that our Senior Citizens were able to safely walk out of their homes to their vehicle, mailbox, and the dial-a-ride bus service. We cleaned 175 senior citizens' driveways each time the snowfall was 2" or greater.

Public Works also cleared all of the bus stops for the safety of our students.

We continually performed maintenance and repairs on all vehicles in order to provide our residents with the best services possible.

Spring and summer were a busy time repairing potholes, clearing storm sewers, trimming trees, and painting all fire hydrants for better visual identification by the Orland Fire Protection District. In addition, the Public Works Department maintains the detention areas in town to help the flow of storm water to prevent flooding in town. Also, Public Works helped set up, clean up, and take down another successful Party in the Park.

50-50 TREE PROGRAM

In late October, we planted trees for the 50-50 Tree Program. After planting the trees, we mulched the base of the trees to keep roots insulated from winter frost.

In December, the Public Works Department had so much fun working with Santa and decorating our trucks for our Santa Parade. What a great feeling seeing many of our residents, neighbors, and friends out with their children, waving and having a good time as Santa drove by. Public Works also did a fine job decorating the Village's Christmas tree and the Village Hall.



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN BUSY

The Public Works Department is continually keeping a close eye on vacant homes and garbage throughout the Village while driving through the streets. When a home appears vacant or the yard seems unmanaged, we determine if the home is occupied or not and then notify the owner to maintain the property. If the property is too unsightly, we cut the grass and pick up whatever garbage is there, leaving a better appearance of the property for surrounding neighbors.

As you can see, the Public Works Department has been busy. We enjoy making our Village a beautiful place for our residents to live.

HAVE A SAFE 2026!

Name The New Snow Plow Trucks Contest Winners . . .

Joseph Garza

Truck #20

THE PLOWER EXPRESS

Lizeth Silva Hernandez

Truck #21

SNOWBI WAN KENOBI



***Thank you everyone who submitted names!
All the names were very creative!***

FRIENDLY REMINDERS . . .

NO PARKING BAN

- ❖ There is no parking on Village Streets when there is 1" of snow on the ground until all snow removal is completed! You should know when the snow is coming so you can park your cars accordingly.

SNOW PLOW ROLL OFF

- ❖ During snow removal there is snow roll off from plows on to driveways. Sorry for the inconvenience. We plow close to the curb so the Post Office can deliver the mail. If the Post Office can't pull up to mailbox, they will not deliver the mail.

DO NOT THROW SNOW ON PLOWED STREETS!

- ❖ Shovel snow to the sides of your driveways.

PLOWING OF SENIOR DRIVEWAYS

- ❖ Senior driveways will be done if there is 2" or more of snow on the ground.
- ❖ Senior driveways will be done after all snow removal on streets have been completed!
- ❖ Public Works will not do driveways in the dark for the safety of our drivers!
- ❖ If there is a car in driveway and a resident is not home the driveway will not be done. We will return later in the day or the next day.
- ❖ Public Works has more than 200 Senior driveways to do. Please be patient, we will get to you!

CALLING THE VILLAGE HALL DURING SNOW REMOVAL

When calling the Village Hall, please be respectful to our staff.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Earlier in the year, the Police Department announced the hiring of two of our newest full-time officers, Daniel Spano and Gia Cozzi. Both officers started with our department as Community Service Officers.

We added new Dodge Durangos to our fleet in the spring. This enabled the department to modernize our fleet and provided the equipment necessary to best respond to the needs of the Village.

The Police Department continues to regularly send our officers through the most rigorous up-to-date training available, not only to satisfy state mandates, but to better serve our residents and business partners. Along with our continued training, we consistently work with our schools to discuss implementing procedures in the event of an emergency.

We ended 2025 with our Annual Toy Drive for hospitalized children. The Police Department looks forward to this every year. Toys were delivered and the children were so happy to get presents. Their smiles warmed our hearts!

THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WISHES YOU A VERY SAFE 2026!



VETERANS VOICES MILITARY GROUP

OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are a group of veterans of the armed forces of the United States of America. We support each other and assist the greater community of active service members, veterans, and their families, in the area and the United States of America.

WHO WE ARE

Veterans Voices Military Group was established in 2014 in Orland Park, Illinois. In 2022 we became a 501c3 (Not for Profit) organization. All veterans discharged under honorable conditions are welcome to our group.

WHAT WE DO

Veterans Voices reaches out to active service members, veterans, their partners, families, and caregivers to provide them support in their times of need. We support other veterans' organizations with our financial and volunteer assistance.

We meet monthly in a safe environment to discuss the issues facing our brothers and sisters in the veteran community. We share our stories and plan activities designed to promote a sense of belonging.

We involve our community by maintaining our Veterans Walk of Honor and the Memorial Walk, where we all can remember and honor the service of our veterans.

We promote patriotism by providing Color Guards at community events in the Chicago area, and by participating in combined Color Guards with other veterans' organizations.

Veterans Voices Military Group: No dues. No contracts. Just respect.

14671 S. West Ave. • Orland Park, IL 60462 • veteransvoicesop@gmail.com

Website: www.veterans-voices.org

First Responder Recognition Gala

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15, 2026

4:00PM-10:00PM

GEORGIOS BANQUET CENTER

8800 W. 159TH ST., ORLAND PARK, IL 60462

Please help us celebrate our local first responders from the towns of Crestwood, Midlothian, Oak Forest, Tinley Park, Orland Hills, Orland Park, Homer Glen, Palos Heights, Palos Park and Palos Hills.

The gala event will honor the **first responders of our armed forces, law enforcement and firefighters/EMT** of these 10 towns. Celebrating their efforts to maintain our safety and freedoms.

There will be four separate raffles, one each for sponsors/supporters (gold), **current and former armed forces** (white), **law enforcement** (blue) and our **firefighter/EMT** (red). Each group winner will receive either a \$25,000 cash prize or a \$35,000 voucher (based on total raffle sales) good at any of our gala sponsors. After all expenses, the net proceeds will be distributed back into the ten towns' **veteran groups, VFW, American Legion, law enforcement, firefighter/EMT** on a pro rata basis by raffle ticket sales.

COMMUNITY INFORMATION

Dial-a-Ride Program

Make no fuss.... just call for the bus!!!

Need a ride? Dial-a-ride! Our bus driver will pick you up and take you where you need to go. Here are a few details about the program:

- Bus rides are available from 8:00am - 3:15pm
- You must request service 24 hours in advance
- The Village does not accept appointment requests left on voicemail
- Each person is limited to 2 shopping bags
- Be on time for your appointment
- Appointments are accepted for one destination only
- When canceling a ride, make sure you give an ample amount of time
- Boundaries: 131st Street to the north, 191st Street to the south, Oak Park Avenue to the east, and Will-Cook Rd. to the west
- Please keep in mind the appointment made may run late at times



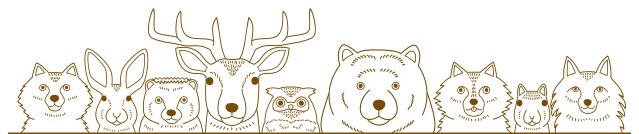
Call 708-349-0583 to schedule your pick-up. If you have any questions regarding this wonderful program, please call the Village for additional information and guidelines.

DO YOU PICK UP THE POOP AFTER YOUR DOG?

Please clean up after your dogs! If you are walking your dog around your neighborhood or at one of our parks or trails, bring a scoop or plastic bag and pick up the poop.

If you are walking your dog around the block and it poops on someone's lawn, pick up the poop. Please pick up the poop on the snow because when the snow melts, there are piles of poop all over the village.

In addition, it is unlawful for animals to roam or walk unleashed. Fines are listed on the signs in the parks. Keep in mind, the parks are for the recreational use of our residents, especially our children.



PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE

The Orland Hills Recreation Department respectfully requests that all residents do not feed the wildlife. This rule will be strictly enforced by the Orland Hills Police Department. If you have any questions, please contact the Orland Hills Recreation Department at 349-7211. If you keep feeding them...they will keep coming back!



VILLAGE OF ORLAND HILLS

32nd ANNUAL

“DESIGN THE VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER” CONTEST

The Village of Orland Hills is pleased to carry on the tradition to host the annual vehicle sticker art contest. The Village’s vehicle stickers are due for renewal July 15, 2026. Therefore, it is time to turn to our talented and artistic Village youth to get them involved in their community by designing a sticker that reflects *what they feel the Village represents*. The rules are as follows:

- 1) The design must be done on an official entry blank (attached). Entry blanks will also be available at the Village Hall and Recreation Center.
- 2) Each child turning in a drawing must be an Orland Hills resident under the age of 13, as of January 1, 2026.
- 3) Only one entry per child is allowed; multiple entries will disqualify you from the contest.
- 4) Up to 5 colors may be used, as well as a color background. Ink pens, crayons, or markers are acceptable. No glitter or attached decorations, please.
- 5) All entries must be received at the Village Hall no later than closing time (4:30 pm) on April 10, 2026. **There will be no exceptions!**

The entry form is created for easy mailing. Just fold in three with the drawing on the inside and staple or tape closed. Now all you need to do is add a stamp or hand deliver. There is a mailbox drop in front of both the Village Hall and Recreation Center. The name of the artist is located on the back of your entry so that the judges will not know who the artist is when looking at the entries.

The Top Five entrants will be recognized with their framed drawing and a picture with Mayor Kyle Hastings. That photograph will be in the Village Newsletter for the whole Village to see. The Top Five winners are entitled to purchase one of the first five vehicle stickers, in the order of their finishing. The entries will be judged based on neatness, creativity, and a positive portrayal of the Village.

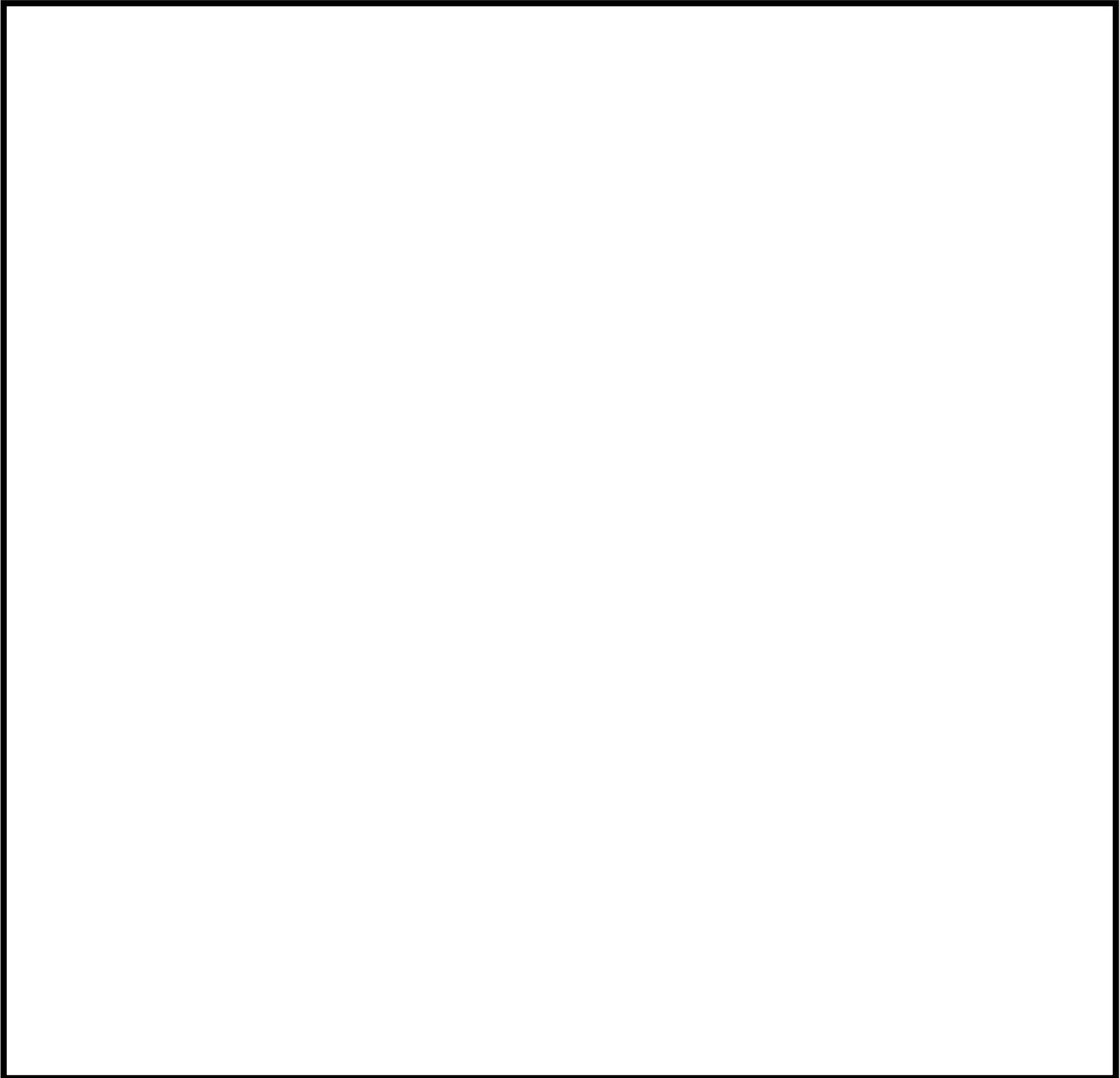
The First Place entry will then be taken to the printer to transfer a likeness of the drawing onto a 3” by 3” sticker. Small changes may be made, if needed, to accommodate the inclusion of necessary information. As is the custom, the Top Five winning entries will be displayed at the Village Hall.

For further information or questions, please feel free to call the Village Hall (708-349-6666) and ask for Karen.

GOOD LUCK!

**This activity is not sponsored by local School District 140, any of its schools,
or groups officially associated with the District.**

32nd Annual "DESIGN THE VILLAGE VEHICLE STICKER" Contest



Name: _____ Birthdate: _____

Address: _____ Age: _____

Phone #: _____

CUT ALONG DOTTED LINE

**ORLAND HILLS VILLAGE HALL
VEHICLE STICKER CONTEST
16033 SOUTH 94TH AVENUE
ORLAND HILLS, IL 60487-4623**

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HELP REDUCE FLOODING IN THE STREETS.

The Village would greatly appreciate your help cleaning any sewer grates in front of your house.

This is especially important during a storm. Simply clear any leaves and debris with a rake or broom.

This will open the sewer for better water flow and will help reduce flooding in the streets.



REMINDER:

Street sweeping will resume April 7th and continue on the first Tuesday of every month thru November weather permitting.

Make sure your vehicles are off the street on these days!

YARD WASTE

Yard waste pick up will resume the week of April 2nd.

GARBAGE PICK-UP

Please remember to have your garbage at the curb before 7:00 am on collection day. For your convenience, garbage can be placed at the curb after 6:00 pm on the day prior to collection.

Please call Waste Management at 800-964-8988 if you are disposing any large items, such as lumber, drywall, carpeting, furniture, etc. Waste Management will send a truck out to pick up these items.

As a reminder, residents can take advantage of Waste Management's Electronic Pick-up.

Call the "At Your Door Service" at 800-449-7587 for details and to schedule a pick up.

Winter ²⁰²⁶ Spring PROGRAMS



Programs begin the week of
January 26, 2026 and continue
through April 2026

WINTER/SPRING REGISTRATION DATES:

Resident - January 19th

Nonresident - January 23rd

Registration will be taken at the
Community Center 16553 S. Haven Avenue
Monday through Friday: 8:00am-10:00pm
Saturday: 9:00am-5:00pm

**subject to change*

Please call the Recreation Hotline at 708-349-7211 regarding important information on registration, cancellations, upcoming programs, and special events.



Easter Events



EASTER BUNNY COLORING CONTEST

Beginning March 23rd, residents may pick up a picture entry at the Community Center. Age groups are 4-6 yrs., 7-9 yrs. and 10-12 yrs.

Winners will be announced on April 3rd.

EASTER BUNNY CANDY COUNT GUESS AND WIN!

All resident children are invited to the Community Center between March 23rd and April 3rd to count the candy in our jar. Guess the correct amount of candy without going over and win the jar! One guess per person, contest open to resident children. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held to decide the winner.

Winner will be announced on April 3rd.

EASTER BUNNY EGG HUNT

Come to the **32nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt**, April 4th at 10am at the Community Center.

Meet the Easter Bunny, hunt for eggs, candy and treats, have tons of springtime fun.

Age groups of: 3 years and under; 4-5 years, 6-7 years, 8-9 years, 10-12 years and 13-adult.

Easter Parade will follow at noon.





Save the Date

2026 Party in the Park **CELEBRATION!!**

Friday
JUNE 26

Saturday
JUNE 27

Sunday
JUNE 28

**Mayor Kyle R. Hastings and the
Board of Trustees welcomes you to
The Village of Orland Hills**

PARTY IN THE PARK

on Friday, June 26th through Sunday, June 28th.

This year includes another spectacular line-up of live music,
family activities and fun for all ages!

From the best fireworks show in the southwest suburbs to great
local live cover bands, great food from local businesses and
excellent entertainment for families, the Party In The Park has
something for everyone!

For more information, visit our website:
www.ohpartyinthepark.com

2026 PARTY IN THE PARK

Friday, June 26

Hairbanger's Ball
7:30pm - 9:30pm

Julie Spencer
National Anthem
9:30pm - 10:00pm

2 Hype Crew
10:00pm - 12:00am

Saturday, June 27

Breakfast Club
4:30pm - 6:30pm

Josh Tanquilt
6:30pm - 7:15pm

Sparks Fly (Taylor Swift)
7:15pm - 9:15pm

Julie Spencer
National Anthem
Fireworks
9:30pm - 10:00pm

Modern Legacy
10:00pm - 12:00am

Sunday, June 28

Beach Bum Band
5:00pm - 7:00pm

Julie Spencer
Our National Anthem
7:00pm - 7:15pm

American English
7:30pm - 9:30pm

BOUNCE FEST!
Spring Into Bounce Fest!
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 12-3PM
COMMUNITY CENTER

PRE-REGISTER:
\$5 PER PERSON

DAY OF EVENT:
\$10 PER PERSON

Save with
Early Registration!

Jump • Play • Have Fun!

Register in person at the Community Center.

CONCESSIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE
(CASH ONLY)

All children 16 and younger must be accompanied by an adult

**2026 MOVIES
ON THE GREEN**

May 22 — Luca
June 25 — Monsters, Inc.
July 24 — The Incredibles
August 28 — Onward
September — Cars

*** Dates and features are subject to change. ***

Fall Preschool Registration

Classes begin in September and continue thru May 2027

Preschool registration for the 2026-2027 school year will begin on April 6, 2026. This successful, long-running program is taught by our highly-qualified staff. Our instructors are certified in Early Childhood Development. Our Pre-K curriculum is designed to be in alignment with the Illinois Early learning Standards. Our program provides a foundation of basic learning skills and develops self-esteem which eases the transition into kindergarten. Our 3 year program focuses on developing fine motor skills, rules, and routines, as well as sharing and socializing. Children must reach the age of 3 or 4 on or before September 1, 2026 and must be toilet-trained.



Registration Location:
Orland Hills Community Center, 16553 S. Haven Ave.

When:
8:00 am-10:00 pm Mon-Fri
9:00 am-5:00 pm Sat & Sun

All classes are conducted at the Orland Hills Community Center

A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION:

3 Year Old Program
Resident: \$200.00
Non-resident: \$250.00

4 Year Old Program
Resident: \$300.00
Non-resident: \$350.00

Forms of payment for the deposit are cash or check only. If writing a check, make it payable to Village of Orland Hills and postdate the check to May 1, 2026.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ORLAND HILLS' OWN STATE CHAMPION BRYAN KEEFE



for winning the Gold Medal at the Illinois Special Olympics Bowling Championships in Decatur, Illinois!

Special Olympics
Illinois



FITNESS CENTER

Monthly and Yearly Membership Rates. All memberships can be paid monthly or yearly. The initiation fee includes member orientation to the center and two free guest passes. Monday through Friday from 5:30am - 10:00pm. Saturday and Sunday from 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Hours and prices subject to change.

<i>*Fees subject to change*</i>	Monthly Resident	Initiation Fee (Yearly)	Yearly Resident	NR (Monthly)	Initiation Fee (Yearly)	Yearly Membership
*Student (ages 14-22) (with Student ID)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$70.00	\$20.00	\$30.00	\$270.00
Individual (ages 18-59)	\$10.00	\$25.00	\$145.00	\$34.00	\$40.00	\$448.00
Family (for a family of 4)	\$30.00	\$30.00	\$390.00	\$125.00	\$50.00	\$1550.00
Additional Family Member	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$65.00	\$15.00	\$15.00	\$195.00
Active Adult (60+)	FREE	FREE	FREE	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$325.00

Daily Visit Rate and Punch Cards

	Resident	Non-Resident
Daily Visit Rate	\$5.00	\$15.00
10 - Punch Card	\$45.00	\$95.00
20 - Punch Card	\$80.00	\$180.00

**Students under the age of 17 must have a permission slip signed from their legal guardian to be allowed to enter the Fitness Center.*

Anyone under the age of 13 years old MUST be accompanied by their legal guardian.

Prices are subject to change without notice.



FITNESS CENTER REMINDER

IF YOUR KEY FOB DOES NOT WORK YOU MAY BE DUE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

PLEASE STOP BY THE FRONT DESK TO HAVE YOUR ACCOUNT CHECKED.



Village of Orland Hills

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President

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Clerk

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VILLAGE HALL HOURS:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm • Tuesday 8:00am - 7:00pm

IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

EMERGENCY (FIRE OR POLICE) – 911

Village Hall / Administration	349-6666	Public Works Department	349-6792
Emergency Services <i>William Leddin</i>	349-2388	<i>Michael Hanley</i>	
Fire District (non-emergency)	349-0074	Recreation Department	349-7211
Police (non-emergency) <i>Mike Blaha</i>	349-4434	Orland Hills Library Dist Office	349-0319
Building Department	349-4887	DIAL-A-RIDE	349-0583
		Tinley Park Library	532-0160
WATER: Illinois American	800-422-2782	Tinley Park Post Office	708-532-3131
CABLE: Comcast	866-594-1234	Veterans Affairs	312-814-2460
ELECTRIC: ComEd	800-334-7661	Cook County	312-443-5500
AT&T U Verse	877-827-5288	Public Aid Office	708-371-5750
GAS: (natural) NICOR	888-642-6748	Orland Township	708-403-4222
PHONE: AT&T	800-244-4444	Orland Township Youth Services	708-403-4001
GARBAGE: Waste Management	800-964-8988	Elementary Schools	
United Way Crusade	312-382-4171	Dist. #135	708-364-3300
Together We Cope	708-633-5040	Dist. #140	708-532-6462
Aunt Martha's Youth Services	708-754-1044	High School	
Park Lawn (Developmental Disabilities)	708-425-3344	Dist. #230	708-745-5203
Animal Welfare	708-636-8586	Moraine Valley Community	
Social Security Administration	800-772-1213	College Dist. #524	708-974-4300
State Directory of Illinois	312-793-3500	J.U.L.I.E.	800-892-0123
Dept. of Children & Family Services	800-252-2873	Dept. of Motor Vehicles Orland Township	
		Secretary of State Facility	800-252-8920

DATES TO REMEMBER

Valentine's Day	Saturday, February 14
President's Day	Monday, February 16
Daylight Savings Time	Sunday, March 8
St. Patrick's Day	Tuesday, March 17
Easter	Sunday, April 5
Mother's Day	Sunday, May 10
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25

VILLAGE HALL WILL BE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF THE FOLLOWING HOLIDAYS:

President's Day - Monday, February 16
Memorial Day - Monday, May 25

Out of Village mailings - The Village of Orland Hills extends its sincere apology to any of its neighbors, for any inconvenience from the United States Postal Bulk Mailing Regulations, by which some individuals are delivered Village Newsletters and Park District brochures even though they reside outside the Village of Orland Hills boundaries. Such individuals nevertheless, shall be assessed Out-Of-District fees for Recreation Activities.

Village of Orland Hills
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