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*Message
From
University
Park*

MAYOR

AL MCCOWAN

It is always a pleasure to talk with the citizens of University Park. In this issue of the newsletter, we want to focus on small businesses in University Park. A well-developed base of small businesses will become the economic foundation of our community. Because we are happy and grateful to those businesses who are invested in our community, I am especially pleased to present to you for your service and convenience some of the businesses located here in University Park. Additional University Park Businesses will be featured in upcoming issues of the Community Newsletter. It is our goal to feature all the businesses within the Village of University Park.

REALTORS ON CALL

#8 TownCenter Drive

Realtors on Call Sales & Property Management Company University Park is owned and operated by Dale Kidd, a resident of University Park for over 11 years. Her business opened in University Park in 2005 as Diversified Realtors Estate Resource and in the two years since became Realtors on Call.

Realtors on Call worked to create a working team with a wealth of experiences in Real Estate and Property Management of multi-family housing and community living. We bring our personal touches, which are afforded to most individual and smaller privately held firms. Our clients are assured of professional responsive Broker Manager and leasing agents. *Professional leadership from the top will always be transparent at all levels.*

Real Estate Brokerage Services include: Real Estate Sales and Listing Services, Market Analysis / Comparison, consultations regarding future property purchases, consultation in obtaining a short sale on a property.

Property Management & Leasing Services include: single family, condo & townhomes, tenant

screening, rent/leasing/collection, eviction processing.

Contact: Dale Kidd at
(708)-534-3250 office
or **(708)-804-0035** direct.

KDK DECORATORS

#8 TownCenter Drive

KDK Decorators specialize in painting and dry-walling hi-rise apartment buildings and commercial properties. KDK has worked with some of Chicago's largest contractors and management companies. They have performed work on some of Chicago's prestigious hi-rise, condos and lofts as well as new construction. KDK prides itself on being able to build a reputation of excellence which shows up in repeat clients. KDK's painting staff is comprised of well trained painting technicians specializing in plastering, wall texturizing and wood staining. They service all exterior painting needs as well as redecorating of fire damaged insurance claims. KDK works with top quality materials. All employees are trained on standard safety procedures for the painting industry. Their mission statement is to "provide top quality work that beautifies with association for excellence in the field of

painting and decorating. Contact: Kenneth L. Kidd **(708) 534-3302** or **(630) 330-5186**

**CLEO TAYLOR & UNIVERSITY
PARK FINER FOODS**

#12 TownCenter Drive

Cleo Taylor is a resident and business owner in University Park for over 21 years and is currently the owner of Cleo's Discount Liquors. Cleo is trying to supply the "missing piece to University Park"; a 3000 square foot full-fledged grocery store that will feature fresh produce, deli and meat departments. University Park Senior citizens have asked Cleo to give them a store so they do not have to go so far to a supermarket. It can be challenging for seniors and those with limited mobility to travel to the nearest supermarket. Cleo is also working to provide a local shuttle service to and from the grocery store upon opening. "Thanks to Mayor Al McCowan and the Board of Trustees who have been supportive of this effort," University Park Finer Foods is scheduled to open before Christmas. The new store location is right next to Cleo's Discount Liquors.

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From the Desk of
DAVID SEVIER
Village Manager /
Finance Director

The staff here at University Park would like to say thank you for allowing us to provide the services you need and the opportunity to improve on those services. In a year where change is the focus for the nation, we have made some changes that we feel will allow us to do a better job of providing improved services to all residents, businesses and neighbors of University Park. Those changes include a Parks and Recreation Director, Mr. Robert Graham, II; an Interim Director of Communications, Mrs. Sherry Williams; Restaurant Manager, Ms. Pamela Jackson, and an Interim Events Coordinator, Ms. Rachel Simmons. I would like everyone to welcome our new family members.

In addition to the nation's focus on change, we are also seeing history in the making in the election arena and the

economy as a whole. The Village of University Park is very aware of the state of the economy and understand its impact on our residents, businesses and family life overall. We are concerned about the quality of life for our residents and have been and will continue to be very diligent in sharing information that may be useful to our residents throughout this crisis.

We are trying to do our part by being very vigilant at controlling costs and reducing expenditures where we can. If we could find one good point to share, it would be that the operations of the Village are not seeing a major impact on revenues and services for the Village during this economic slowdown. We are in good sound financial shape and will continue to monitor all purchases of the Village.

We are working very hard at providing new recreational services to all residents of the Village. We are still exploring new business development opportunities within the boundaries of University Park and are eager to get our Community / Economic Development position filled. We are receiving numerous calls regard-

ing land opportunities within the Village, while in contact with Will County Regional Economic Development Unit to help assist us with potential opportunities for the Village as well.

In a time of financial instability, I want to assure each and every one of you that the employees of the Village are working harder to ensure that we continue to keep a watchful eye on all residents and businesses within the Village; as we prepare for the winter months ahead. We are in the process of preparing our 2010 annual budget and are mindful of the economy as we prepare our departmental budgets that make up the annual budget. Be on the lookout for our finance committee meetings and community meetings regarding the 2010 annual budget. Your input is always welcome.

If you have any questions or feel the need for information regarding an issue within the Village, please feel free to call us at 708-534-6451. Our hours of operation are Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M. and every 2nd and 4th Tuesday until 8:00 P.M. ☎

DEPARTMENT DIRECTORY

- Police *non-emergency*(708) 534-0911
- Fire *non-emergency*(708) 534-0911
- Public Works(708) 534-4823
- Village Hall.....(708) 534-6451
- Inspectional Services(708) 235-4818

- Cable Studio/Communications(708) 534-3211
- Information Technology(708) 534-8357
- Parks & Recreation(708) 534-6456
- University Golf Club and
Conference Center(708) 747-0603
- Library.....(708) 534-2580

SCHOOL RESOURCES

Public Schools

- Crete-Monee-School District 201-U(708) 367-8300
- Balmoral Elementary(708) 672-2643
- Crete Elementary.....(708) 672-2647
- Monee Elementary(708) 367-2600
- Talala Elementary.....(708) 672-2659
- Coretta Scott King Magnet.....(708) 672-2651
- Crete-Monee Middle(708) 367-2400

- Crete-Monee High School.....(708) 367-8200
- Monee Education Center(708) 672-2627
- Early Learning Center.....(708) 367-2770

Colleges

- Prairie State Junior College.....(708) 756-3110
- Governor State University(708) 534-5000

Add to page 4 Parks and Recreation

Under heading January. Add to January.....

Introducing a Martial Arts program that emphasizes physical conditioning, discipline and respect for self and others, as well as safety and self - protection tactics. This is a family orientated program and everyone can get involved. The instructors of this program will be providing a free demonstration highlighting their system and techniques in January. Please stay tune for date time.

Parks & Recreation DEPARTMENT

From the Desk of ROBERT GRAHAM, II
Director of Parks and Recreation

On behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department we would like to thank each and every one of you for a successful summer and are very excited as we begin to embark upon a new season of events. Under the leadership of the new Director of Parks and Recreation, Robert Graham II there is a renewed level of enthusiasm for the parks and recreation area. We invite the community to get involved in all of the new activities and programs that will be taking place over the next several months. We encourage you to participate; volunteer, coach, and most importantly, register for the programs. Below is a list of tentative activities and programs:

January - INSERT *Attachment*
We have *Youth Basketball and Baseball clinics* scheduled for March and April. We're inviting children in 3rd through 8th grades to participate. The registration for these clinics will begin the 2nd week of January. Please stop by the *Riegel* Farm complex for more information.

February

Our Senior Citizens are encouraged to join us for a *Pre-Valentine's Day Luncheon*. This event will take place from Noon until 2pm on Wednesday, February 11th at 90 Town Center.

March

Any adults who want to get in shape, we have just the thing for you. Our Introductory Adult Fitness Program will be held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The class is seven weeks and the first week is free. Call (708) 534-6456 for more information

April

Are you looking for recreation? We're offering a *Chicago Bulls' Day!* I bet you



are wondering what that means. We are going to a Chicago Bulls Game. On April 4th our Bulls will host the New Jersey Nets at the United Center. The last day to sign up for this event will be Wednesday March 4th at the park's administrative office. The cost is \$20, which includes your game ticket and your ride to the United Center. That's right, you don't have to worry about the frustrations of city traffic, we'll do that for you. No concerns about gas prices or parking fees, we've got that covered. Just sit back and relax on your ride north to the city.

As the snow clears and we search for longer days with warmer temperatures

we'll hunt for eggs. Our *Annual Easter Egg Hunt* will be held at the Riegel Farm Complex on Good Friday, April 10th. The cost is \$5 per child. Event hours TBA.

May

Do you think you can send one flying out of the park? We're starting an *Adult Softball League* and expect to see you on the diamond. Feel free to stop by The Riegel Farm Complex to sign-up beginning the 1st week of February.

Check out our website www.university-park-il.com/parks.php for more information on our new, upcoming, as well as daily activities. You may also call our office 708.534.6456 with any questions.





FIRE DEPARTMENT

From the desk of Chuck Exner, University Park Fire Chief

In each issue of the Village of University Park Community Newsletter, the Fire Department will bring you department updates, fire safety tips, and public safety related stories in our section entitled "Hot Topics."

As always, if you should have any questions regarding the operation of the department, how to join as a volunteer, or how to participate in any educational program we provide, please contact Fire Chief Chuck Exner at (708) 235-4833.

University Park Fire Department Call Totals for 2007:

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|--------------------------------------|------|
| Emergency Medical Services | 962 |
| Fire Responses | 641 |
| Total | 1603 |

Fire Won't Wait — Plan Your Escape

Thousands of Americans die in fires every year, the majority of them in their own homes. Know in advance how to escape.

Don't wait for a fire to plan how you'll get out. Plan your escape now! Whether at home, work or wherever you are, find two ways out of each room and practice using them. Do it now, before fire strikes.

ARE YOU LOOKING TO HELP YOUR COMMUNITY AND INTER- ESTED IN AN EXCITING AND REWARDING CAREER?

If your answer is YES, the Fire Department is continually seeking applicants to fill our Paid-On-Call ranks. Our Paid-On-Call personnel receive the same training as our Career staff and supplement the department during emergencies where additional manpower is needed. Even if you have no experience in firefighting, we can train you to become a Firefighter / Paramedic in as little as three years. The training you receive can make you eligible for a career position with us or another fire department. In fact, many of our career staff started in our Paid-On-Call ranks.

To get started, stop by the Village Hall, and fill out an application.

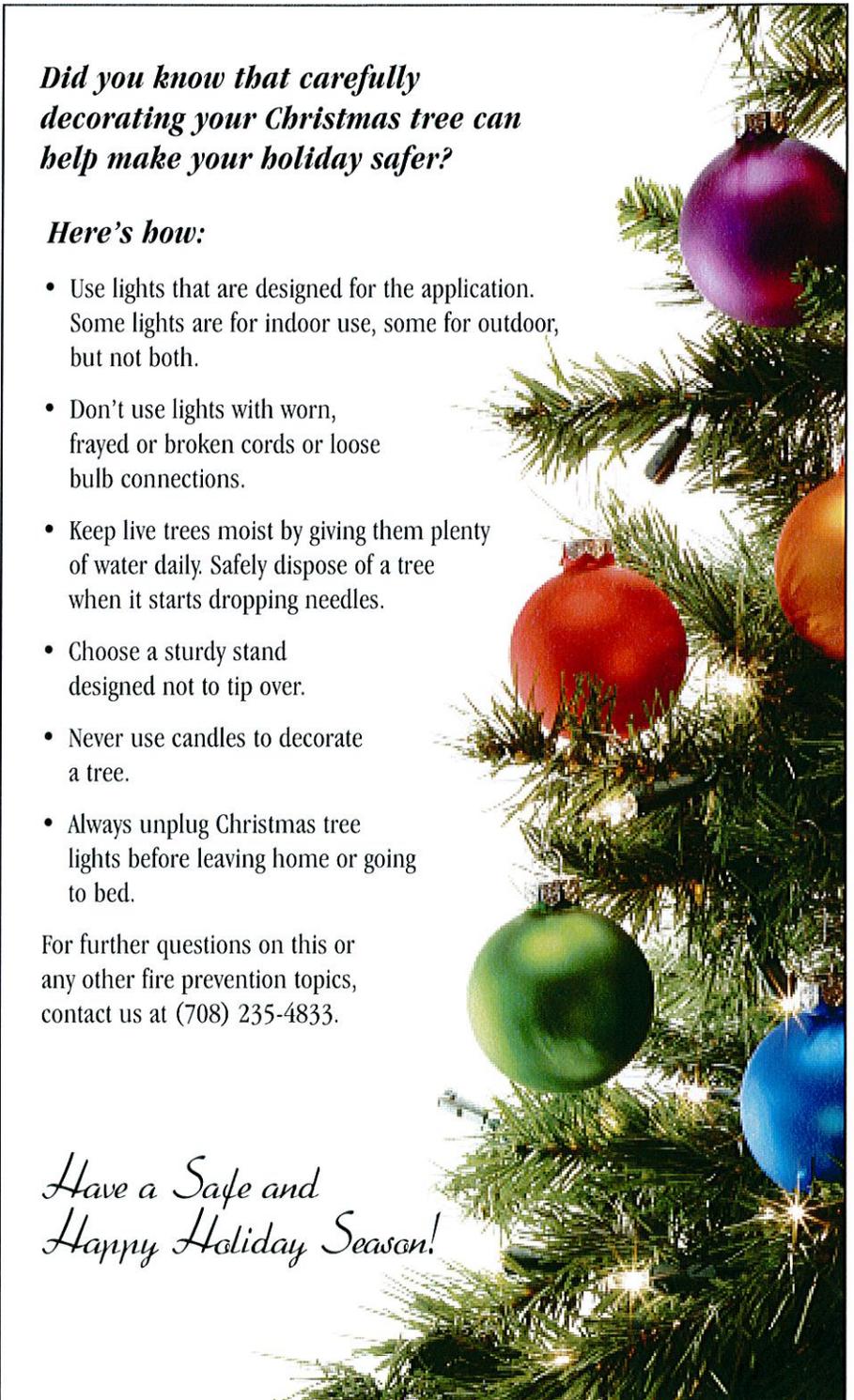
Did you know that carefully decorating your Christmas tree can help make your holiday safer?

Here's how:

- Use lights that are designed for the application. Some lights are for indoor use, some for outdoor, but not both.
- Don't use lights with worn, frayed or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- Keep live trees moist by giving them plenty of water daily. Safely dispose of a tree when it starts dropping needles.
- Choose a sturdy stand designed not to tip over.
- Never use candles to decorate a tree.
- Always unplug Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

For further questions on this or any other fire prevention topics, contact us at (708) 235-4833.

*Have a Safe and
Happy Holiday Season!*



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

From the Desk of
JERRY TOWNSEND
Director of Public Works

This being my first article in the Newsletter, I would like to let the residents and businesses know what our goals and responsibilities are within the Public Works Department. In this article and future ones, we will provide you with helpful tips and information.

The goal of the Public Works Department is to effectively deliver quality services to enhance the living and working environment of the community, as well as maintaining a reputation for reliability.

Residents and businesses who advise us of maintenance that needs to be done and situations that need attention will help us do our job more efficiently and effectively. With good communication and patience between residents and the public works department, there is no doubt that the high standards that have been set will continue and improve for years to come.

The Public Works Department is responsible for the maintenance of Village owned streets, snow and ice removal, street lights, storm sewers, street signs, tree trimming and the maintenance on Village's fleet, buildings and grounds. We also oversee various infrastructure construction projects. All business associated with Public Works is conducted Monday thru Friday 7:00AM – 3:30PM. Any questions, comments, or concerns please call 708-534-4823.

In closing, just a reminder, winter is right around the corner which means snow. Snowplowing as part of the snow removal plan goes into effect after an accumulation of two inches of snow. Parking is prohibited on all Village streets until removal is completed. Please help us keep fire hydrants visible. 🗺



Did You Know?

Shonda Rhimes, creator of ABC's Grey's Anatomy, is the first African-American woman to write and produce a top-rated TV series. In addition to her Emmy-winning medical drama, she's launched the spinoff series Private Practice and wrote screenplays for such films as Introducing Dorothy Dandridge, Crossroads, & Princess Diaries 2.

Lived in University Park, IL

To read more go to . . .

<http://www.usnews.com/blogs/college-flashback/2008/9/5/shonda-rhimes.html>

CABLE OPERATIONS/COMMUNICATIONS

From the Desk of **SHERRY WILLIAMS** Director of Cable Operations/Communications

Communication is the sending of a message through different types of media such as video, audio, web and/or print, so long as it is transmitting a provoking idea, gesture, action, etc. The tools for communication are never really complete and that's why the cable studio, our website, our community newsletter, along with our media message board are now housed under one department.

The Communications Department, where Sherry Williams, who comes with a strong background in Information Technology and an emphasis in Communication, will be the leader. So we look forward to this new journey together. A community is only as strong as its communication.

What's been happening at the studio...

- UniverSoul Circus celebrated 15 years of performances to help with their celebration; they invited 25 Young Broadcasters on Sept. 15, 2008 to join them.

- The Chicago White Sox welcomed 50 Young Broadcasters to their August 20, 2008 game.
- IT/Communication Commission meets every 3rd Thursday at 7 PM at 90 TownCenter Drive. ☎

On Sale Now!!!
2008 Parade & Family Fling DVD

Help Support the Young Broadcaster program!

All proceeds will go to The Young Broadcaster fund. Share these memories with family and friends.

Great Gift Idea!

Be on the lookout for the *Young Broadcasters II* beginning Winter/Spring 2009!!!

WUPC

Channel 4 Cable

Phone (708) 534-3211
FAX (708) 534-6430
Email callen@university-park-il.com
Location 505 University Parkway
University Park, IL 60466

Home of the Young Broadcasters

Office Hours:

Monday 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Tuesday 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday 10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.
Thursday 10:00 a.m. -6:00 p.m.
Friday 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Saturday Hours will vary
Sunday Closed

Get Ready for DTV

Digital television (DTV) is an innovative new type of over-the-air broadcasting technology that enables TV stations to provide dramatically clearer pictures and better sound quality. DTV is more efficient and more flexible than the traditional broadcast technology known as analog. For example, DTV makes it possible for stations to broadcast multiple channels of free programming simultaneously (called multicasting), instead of broadcasting only one channel at a time. DTV technology can also be used to provide future interactive video and data services that are not possible with analog technology.

What is analog television?

Analog television service is the traditional method of transmitting television signals. Analog transmission has been the standard broadcast technology since the inception of television. Analog is not as efficient as digital television; it uses up much more of the valuable spectrum than digital, and TV stations can only transmit one channel of programming with an analog signal versus up to four or more programs with a digital signal in the same amount of spectrum. Analog is also susceptible to interference and "snow" that make a picture less clear.

The DTV transition will be completed on February 17, 2009, as set by Congress. Full-power television stations have been preparing for the transition from analog to DTV since the late 1990s, when they began building digital facilities and airing digital channels alongside regular analog broadcasts.

DTV staff

University Golf Club & Conference Center



Come join the party!

Thursdays is Jazz Night, from 7:00 pm until 11:00 pm. All of the bands are local talent and there is no cover charge.

If you'd like to enjoy a smooth Stepper's Set, come join the party with us every Friday Night. The doors open at 9:30 pm and the party continues until 2:00 am. There is a \$5.00 cover charge before 10:00 pm and a \$10.00 cover charge after 10:00 pm.

The University Golf Club invites you to join us every day throughout the Winter Season for Breakfast 8 am – 12 pm, Lunch 12 pm – 4 pm and Dinner 4 pm – 10 pm. You will receive 20% off of your meal with a valid Driver's License, or State ID showing your University Park address through February 28, 2009.



Visit us on the web at :
www.universitygolfclub.com



The golf season is ending and the Pro Shop merchandise sales are starting. If you are in need of golf equipment and supplies, please come by and visit the golf shop for many great items on sale.

THE UNIVERSITY GOLF CLUB AND CONFERENCE CENTER
offers excellent

ALL YOU CAN EAT SPECIALS

Fridays 5 pm – 9 pm

\$12.95

Fish Fry

Saturdays & Sundays 8 am – 12 pm

\$6.95

Breakfast Buffet



POLICE DEPARTMENT

From the desk of Mel Easley, University Park Police Chief

Protecting the Outside of Your Home

House Numbers

In an emergency, can firefighters, law enforcement or the ambulance drivers find your home quickly and easily? Place permanent numbers, no less than 3 inches in height, on both the front and rear of the residence designating the official post office address. Also, painting reflective house numbers on the curb will help emergency vehicles find your home.

Lighting

Can a prowler, burglar, or vandal hide in the shadows of the night around your home? One of the best sources of cost effective protection around your home is adequate exterior lighting. Lighting has proven to be an effective deterrent against crime.

Effective lighting should be:

1. Placed to illuminate as many sides of

the house as possible.

2. Placed under the eaves of the house or shielded with a protective covering to prevent tampering.
3. Keep on during all nighttime hours. An inexpensive timer or photoelectric cell will automatically turn the lights on at dusk and off at dawn.

Landscaping

What about your trees, shrubs and landscaping? Could a potential criminal hide there?

The security of your home depends on visibility. Your home should maintain its visibility so that neighbors and patrol cars can watch for illegal activity. Ornamental plant growth should be kept well trimmed, especially around doors and windows where a person

could hide while breaking into your home.

While planning your landscaping, you might consider discouraging intruders from window areas by planting prickly plants, such as roses, hollies, etc.

Investing in inexpensive landscape lighting will not only provide light to hidden areas, serve as path lighting for individuals who are visiting, it is also an attractive landscaping feature.

Protecting your home is a necessity. Your family should be aware of safety features and know what to do when the time is necessary to protect them? Look for additional safety tips in the next Community Newsletter.



PK'S CHRISTIAN CATERING & RESTAURANT

#22 TownCenter Drive

For the past several years Kwadjo Baffour has built an outstanding reputation as Executive Chef and Caterer for PK's Christian Catering & Restaurant. Mr. Baffour received great reviews for his service as a chef for the Chicago Bears Training Camp in Bourbonnais, Illinois for six years and as caterer for the 2003 U.S. Open at Olympia Fields Country Club and Crete-Monee School District 201U. PK's Christian Catering & Restaurant opened in University Park on June 23, 2007. It has since become a welcome part of our community serving a delicious healthy choice for breakfast, lunch and dinner.

PK's now offers a cozy conference room that can comfortably accommodate a small meeting group of up to ten people. High Speed Wireless internet access and a television with a DVD are available.

Hours of Operation: Monday – Friday 8:30am – 9:00pm Saturday 10:00am – 9:00pm call us at: (708) 534-6500 visit us at: www.pkscatering.com



RaceCo Fuel ribbon cutting ceremony

Coming Soon!

PK'S CHRISTIAN LEARNING CENTER (Childcare Facility)

#82 TownCenter Drive

Interested in Enrollment?

Call (708) 534-3072

We are now accepting applications for employment.

RACECO FUEL

450 S. Cicero Avenue, (708) 534-3050.

RACECO is located on Cicero Avenue and University Parkway on the southwest corner. RACECO has celebrated it's Grand Opening on Wednesday November 5, 2008. According RACECO owner, one of the reasons University Park was selected as the location for the new store was for the tax benefit of being outside of Cook County; another is that he expects to benefit from the ~~Abraham Lincoln National~~ Airport when it is built.

Products and services include gas, convenience store items, liquor and lottery. As an independent, RACECO will use suppliers such as Mobile, CITGO and Marathon.

Retail space is currently available for lease for a sit-down restaurant and one or two retail stores. RACECO expects to hire up to 6 employees by opening day with 2 or 3 of those being full time positions.



OMAR MEDICAL SUPPLIES, INC.

500 Crossing Drive, Unit A
Company Overview

Dr. Willie Wilson, a Chicago philanthropist and successful entrepreneur is the Founder and President of Omar Medical Supplies, Inc., d/b/a Omar Supplies, Inc. Omar is headquartered in University Park, Illinois, with offices also in Beijing and Shanghai, China, and TaiQi, Inner Mongolia China, and is one of America's fastest growing global distribution companies.

Listed below are some *Key Facts*:

- Established in 1997
- Founder and CEO is Philanthropist Dr Willie Wilson
- 100% Minority Owned and MBE/NMSDC Certified
- Debt-Free Company with Sales exceeding \$120 MM
- Impeccable D&B Rating
- Recognized Nationally with several awards, including "Top Diversity Owned Business" Award by DiversityBusiness.com
- Importer and Distributor of Disposable Medical, Safety, Foodservice, Retail and Industrial Products; Import over 350 Containers (40ft.) per year
- Sell over 1 billion gloves annually around the world
- Fortune 100 & 500 Customer Base
- All Offshore Factories are Certified by US-based Audit Firms
- Global Distribution and Warehousing Capabilities

Omar supplies over a 100,000 products, to major corporations, restaurant chains, governmental institutions, schools, hotels and hospitals. Working hard to build a good client base, we are committed to providing our customers with a quality product, at the most competitive prices, with the best customer service, and at the highest serviceability levels. 

Helping Responsible Homeowners Avoid Foreclosure

The Federal Government Is Addressing Housing Market Challenges And Assisting Struggling Homeowners Across Our Nation

"The decline in the housing market has left many Americans concerned about losing their homes. My Administration launched the HOPE NOW Alliance, which brings together homeowners and lenders and mortgage servicers and others to find ways to prevent foreclosure. We're also making it easier for responsible homeowners to refinance into affordable mortgages insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Americans . . . can know that if you're struggling to meet your mortgage there are ways you can get help."

– President George W. Bush, 10/11/08

The Federal Government is collaborating with State and local partners to use the best tools available to keep homeowners in their homes. Americans need to know that help is available. The actions of the Federal Government are helping to address a key problem in the housing market: the excess supply of homes on the market. By helping responsible borrowers facing preventable foreclosures stay in their homes and ensuring that mortgage financing remains available to consumers, our housing market will be able to recover – and that recovery will help our broader economy grow.

The Administration's actions have helped more than two million responsible borrowers keep their homes. President Bush and his Administration have:

- Facilitated the formation of HOPE NOW: This program helped bring together lenders, mortgage servicers, and others to facilitate loan refinancing and develop other ways to prevent foreclosures.
- Increased access to government guaranteed home loans through the Department of Housing and Urban Development's Federal Housing Administration (FHA): FHA offers refinancing to homeowners who have good credit histories but cannot afford their mortgage payments. FHA remains a safe and affordable alternative to the highpriced mortgage loans that threaten homeowners' ability to retain their homes.
- *FHA Secure – launched by President Bush and his Administration – helps American families avoid foreclosure by refinancing mortgages for borrowers*

who can afford a new loan insured by FHA.

- *HOPE for Homeowners is another program that has just been implemented to help struggling families refinance their mortgages with FHA. The HOPE for Homeowners program will refinance mortgages for borrowers who are having difficulty making their payments but can afford a new loan insured by FHA. Since President Bush signed this legislation into law this past July, the government has worked diligently to develop and implement the Hope for Homeowners program as directed by Congress.*
- Neighborhood stabilization: HUD recently announced \$4 billion in grants to States and local communities to provide targeted emergency assistance to acquire and redevelop foreclosed and abandoned properties that might otherwise have hurt their communities.
- Workshops on homeowner solutions: HUD recently hosted more than 800 Federal, State, and community leaders from around the Nation for a two-day housing summit. Regional workshops are also scheduled to discuss best practices and innovative approaches to help struggling homeowners.
- Housing counseling grants: The Administration has dramatically increased funding for housing counseling grants and foreclosure prevention activities. Nearly 400 State and local non-profits are among the recipients that will benefit from more than \$400 million in grants this year. This coun-

selling can be the key to helping families keep their homes.

As The Treasury Department And The GSEs Increase Their Purchases Of Mortgage-Related Assets, Affordability Should Improve For Americans

The Federal Government now has the authority to purchase mortgages and mortgage-backed securities (MBS), which will help stabilize mortgage financing and other lending, help remove uncertainty from selling institutions, and help homeowners. The Treasury Department's new asset purchase authorities are aimed at getting the mortgage loan and credit markets working again by purchasing mortgages and MBS from financial institutions, thereby improving their ability to offer new loans, reducing the pressure on mortgage rates, and promoting market stability. The Treasury Department is also working with HUD and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation to help as many homeowners as possible stay in their homes, while protecting taxpayers.

The Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), the new regulator for government sponsored enterprises (GSEs) is working with the GSEs to preserve the availability of mortgage financing. Shortly after the housing bill was enacted, FHFA placed Fannie and Freddie into conservatorship and is working with them to ensure they continue to fulfill their mission to make mortgage financing available to consumers.

10/17/08 White House Office Of Communications



VILLAGE HALL

REFUSE BILLING

The finance department thanks all Village residents for their understanding and support as we completed our first refuse billing. We had a few kinks along the way, but we are confident all situations have been rectified. Residents can expect the next billing November 1, 2008. This billing cycle is for six months – November 1, 2008 through April 30, 2009.

ATTENTION RESIDENT PET OWNERS

Ordinance number 610-14(b) pertaining to animal licensing was amended May 13, 2008. The new fees are as follows:

Dog:.....\$20.00Spayed/Neuter:.....\$12.00
Cat:.....\$15.00Spayed Neuter:.....\$ 9.00

The new fees take effect during the renewal phase beginning January 1, 2009. All fees will double if purchased after January 31, 2009. The police department will fine first-time violators \$50.00; repeat violators can be fined up to \$500.00. Please do not miss the deadline.

ONLINE PAYMENTS

The finance department is proud to announce E-Pay availability (online payment processing) for Village fees. This is a new feature for the finance department that has been supplied and tested through the State of Illinois Treasurer's Department. The service is free and simple to use. E-Pay can be accessed through our Village website:

www.university-park-il.com (center)

Please call Village Hall with any questions or concerns at (708) 534-6451, between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and until 8:00 P.M. the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month.

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