



Village of Oakwood Hills e-Newsletter January 2014

WINTER DRIVING TIPS

During winter storms, the leading cause of deaths are transportation/automobile-related issues. And according to AAA, deaths related to winter storms and cold weather exceed those related to tornadoes, hurricanes or lightning.

During these winter months, it is important to take appropriate steps in driving, and to prepare for contingencies if you have a winter related issue while driving.

Be Cautious About Travel

- Listen for radio or television reports of travel advisories issued by the National Weather Service.
- Avoid traveling on ice-covered roads if at all possible.
- If you must travel, let someone know your destination and when you expect to arrive. Ask them to notify authorities if you are late.
- Check and restock the winter emergency supplies in your car before you leave.
- Never pour water on your windshield to remove ice or snow; shattering may occur.
- Never rely on your car to provide sufficient heat; the car may break down.
- Always dress warmly · Always carry clothing appropriate for winter conditions.

What to Do if You Get Stranded -

Staying in your vehicle when stranded is often the safest choice if winter storms create poor visibility or if roadways are ice covered. These steps will increase your safety when stranded:

- Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna as a signal to rescuers.
- Move anything you need from the trunk into the passenger area.
- Wrap your entire body, including your head, in extra clothing, blankets, or newspapers.
- Stay awake. You will be less vulnerable to cold-related health problems.
- Run the motor (and heater) for about 10 minutes per hour, opening one window slightly to let in air. Make sure that snow is not blocking the exhaust pipe -- this will reduce the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning.
- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to improve your circulation and stay warmer.
- Do not eat un-melted snow because it will lower your body temperature.

Prepare your Car for Winter -

You can avoid many dangerous winter travel problems by planning ahead. Have maintenance service on your vehicle as often as the manufacturer recommends. In addition, every fall:

- Have the radiator system serviced, or check the antifreeze level yourself with an antifreeze tester. Add antifreeze, as needed.
- Replace windshield-wiper fluid with a wintertime mixture.
- Replace any worn tires, and check the air pressure in the tires.
- During winter, keep the gas tank near full to help avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.

Winter Survival Kit for your Car - Equip your car with these items:

- Cell phone and charger
- Blankets
- First-aid kit
- A can and waterproof matches (to melt snow for water)
- Windshield scraper
- Booster cables
- Road maps
- Compass
- Tool kit
- Paper towels
- Bag of sand or cat litter (to pour on ice or snow for added traction)
- Collapsible shovel
- High-calorie canned or dried foods and a can opener
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- Canned compressed air with sealant (for emergency tire repair)
- Brightly colored cloth to use as signal

Peter J. Goldman
Chief of Police

SLEDDING HILL IS CLOSED

Due to the heavy rains this year the large eroded area adjacent to the sledding hill has become VERY dangerous! We must close the sledding hill for the entire snow season. There are signs posted in the area warning of the closing. There are other great sledding hills nearby: In Cary on Silver Lake Rd is Lyons Park which has a huge hill on the other side of the parking lot for sledding. ALSO Veterans Acres in Crystal Lake located on Walkup just north of 176 has a great sledding and is lit up at night as well .

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For those of you looking to help in our Village we are looking for you. There are always projects that we could use some help with such as:

- Litter clean up, play ground power washing, flower bed weeding, etc.
- Halloween in the Park
- Easter Egg Hunt have
- Fishing derby's
- Sandcastle contests
- Santa and a tree lighting

If you are interested in helping your Village please stop in at the Village Hall or call 815-444-9435 ext. 50 and leave your name and contact information. We want this to be a great and fun place to live!

WINTER HOURS

The Village Hall will only be open two (2) Saturday's per month beginning in September through April 2014. Dates will be posted on the and on the sign at Village Hall as well as on the [website](#).

PHONE NUMBERS AND HOURS

The regular business hours for the **Village Hall** are as follows:

- Monday 11 AM - 2 PM,
- Tuesday 11 AM - 2 PM and 6 PM - 8 PM,
- Wednesday 11 AM - 2 PM,
- Thursday 6 PM - 8 PM and
- alternating Saturdays; please call 815-444-9435.

The regular business hours for the **Building Department** are as follows:

- Monday 5 PM - 6 PM,
- Wednesday 5 PM - 6 PM and
- Friday 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM; please call 814-444-9437.

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