

# ALSIP Messenger



## FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan  
Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

I'm an optimist and look forward to 2021 being more prosperous for businesses, while allowing more of what we enjoy socially and athletically becoming available. One of my primary responsibilities is to keep finding resources to reduce costs, while keeping the Village finances

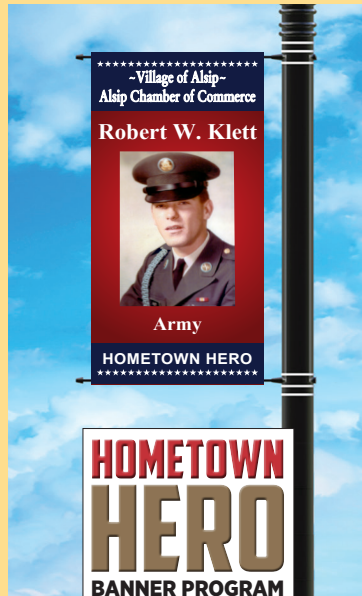
*"I will continue to do what's in the best interest of the Village of Alsip."*

healthy. Please see the following changes taking place in your community.

### Budget Update:

The Village Board will be approving the Fiscal Year 2022 budget soon which I'm favoring funding for more economic development for Cicero Ave and a Mini-Squad for the Fire department to reduce the expense of repairs to the large pumper trucks by having a F550 Ford assist ambulance calls for service, as opposed to the standard fire trucks, then saving money.

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Suburban municipalities joining together to show support for their own Hometown Heroes.

### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

The Village of Alsip & Alsip Chamber of Commerce are proud to offer this program to honor current or former residents of Alsip who have served or are currently serving our country in a branch of the military.

See page 10 for details

For up to date information, check the Alsip website or Facebook page.

 [villageofalsip.org](http://villageofalsip.org)  
 The Village of Alsip



## Alsip is a "Rebuild Illinois" Program Recipient

Governor Pritzker was at the Village Hall for a press conference to announce "Rebuild Illinois" where 11 locations throughout the state will share \$11 million.



The Governor recognized our efforts to bring new development and awarded \$1.5 million to the new owners of the former petroleum plant at 3350 W 131st St, Alsip for brownfield clean-up & development.



## Village of Alsip

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**Mayor**  
John D. Ryan



**Clerk**  
Renee Harding

### TRUSTEES



**Richard S. Dalzell**  
*Chairperson*  
Police & Traffic Safety Committee



**Monica M. Juarez**  
*Chairperson*  
Public Works/Boat Launch Committee  
Planning, Zoning and License Committee



**Christine L. McLawhorn**  
*Chairperson*  
Village Properties Committee  
Finance & Information Technology Committee



**Christopher W. Murphy**  
*Chairperson*  
Fire Committee  
Human Resources & Insurance Committee



**Catalina Nava-Esparza**  
*Chairperson*  
Sewer & Water Committee  
Economic Development Committee



**David Perretta**  
*Chairperson*  
Building & Health Committee  
Ordinance & Legislation Committee



## FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE – *continued from front cover*

### Operations Update:

The Village is in a position to acquire an existing oversized garage and yard nearby, where I plan to re-locate both the Public Works and Water departments, after which the Alsip police department equipment will be re-located to the vacated garage to best protect our assets and allow for indoor servicing, etc. We also recently purchased our 1st police department pickup truck. (competitive pricing is \$10,000 less than typical purchases)



### Business Update:

- **Coca-Cola** 5321 W 122nd Street is expanding their operations by building Alsip's largest structure at 700,000sqft, 90' tall, where robotics will assist inventory control and allow more product lines to be introduced at this facility. They are relocating over 200 additional employees at this location and incentivizing them to purchase homes in the area, to become Great Lakes Coca-Cola's headquarters in Alsip.
- Have you visited **Deuces Sports Bar & Grill** yet? Located at 11525 S Pulaski, they purchased the adjacent storefront and expanded to accommodate more patrons, including an oversized salt water fish tank, adding to the enjoyment of a great breakfast, lunch or dinner with friends.
- **Laura's Craft Wine and Beer** café has opened at 4045-47 W 115th Street.
- **El Coyote** 11532 S Pulaski is promoting outdoor dining and installed a very nice covered patio area on Pulaski, plus a new LED sign
- **El Don** has opened at the former Demon Dogs location with many choices of Mexican cuisine.
- **Taco Burrito King** purchased the Village owned property at 11706-30 S Pulaski and they plan to build a 6,000sqft strip center with ½ of it being a restaurant and they'll have 2 retail stores there as well. This will afford TBK an opportunity to increase their drive-thru.
- Remodeling has been completed at the **Grand Plaza Professional Offices** at 11933 S Pulaski and available for new tenants to lease office spaces.
- **Red Shoes Billiards** at 12009 S Pulaski has installed new equipment and is a great place to meet friends, join a league, or play video gaming til 2am.
- **7-Eleven** is now open at 127th & Pulaski, this is their largest store at 4,000sqft and has a great selection of convenience products, plus gasoline and diesel fuel.

Thank you for re-electing me to serve as your Village President for the next four years. I will continue to do what's in the best interest of the Village of Alsip by working on many invaluable projects and attracting many opportunities for increased business, making it a priority to keep everyone safe. Let's make it a great 2021 summer and please call us for any assistance.

All the best,

Mayor, John D. Ryan  
Village of Alsip

### SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY



Shop Your Local Neighborhood Stores

## Vehicle Sticker Sales



Renee Harding  
Clerk

Vehicle stickers are now available. As in years past, forms have been mailed to those who have previously purchased stickers.



Stickers may be purchased in person, through the mail or online. If you have previously purchased a discounted vehicle sticker as a senior, disabled or military/veteran resident, you can now mail in your payment with the completed form or online by visiting [www.villageofalsip.org](http://www.villageofalsip.org) and click on the top toolbar where it says **"Pay Water/Vehicle Sticker"**. You will no longer need to come to the Village Hall in person to get your vehicle sticker.



**Only one vehicle sticker per household shall be eligible for the discounted vehicle license be that senior, disabled or military/veteran.**

**The Clerks Office is the hub for Village Hall and there are many things that go on behind the scenes to make things easier for residents.**

The brain power behind these updates is Erica O'Donnell, Office Supervisor Building/Clerks/ Water Departments and her staff

- Cross training within the office is ongoing. Any of the clerks should be able to help with any request.
- Transfer stamps have been changed to a label instead of running them through a machine. This saves time and one label can be used for any dollar amount.
- She worked with the Finance Department to allow the purchase of transfer stamps with a credit card. This opened up another payment option for residents when they are selling a property.
- Added a second credit card machine at the window. Now each clerk has their own machine eliminating the need to wait for another transaction to be completed.
- Elimination of one vehicle sticker form. All forms mailed will now have the qualifications for discounted stickers at the bottom. This will hopefully lower the instances of residents purchasing full price stickers in error.

**A new feature coming soon to the Village in is Click2Gov.**

**Click2Gov**

The Finance and IT departments have been working for over a year to bring this feature to our bill paying services. This service offers up-to-date, online views of customer water utility accounts, while also providing several convenient payment options.

*Thank You!*

Brian Massari, IT Manager, and Karen Bonnema, Staff Accountant, have put in many hours and suffered many delays due to COVID to bring this product to the public. Staff and Administrator training will take place in April with functionality being available to the public soon.



## ALSIP TREE WALK

A partnership made possible by The Village of Alsip's Public Works Department and Alsip Park District in cooperation with Great Lakes Urban Forestry Management. Alsip is a Proud TREE CITY USA community.



# Welcome

## To these new Village Employees!



**Joyce Tucker** is the new Finance Director for the Village of Alsip. Joyce was born and raised on a farm in west central Illinois but has lived all over the US during her career. Most recently, she worked as the Finance Director for LaSalle County.

“The mission of the Finance Department is to provide the best financial information to facilitate decision making by the Board, Departments and Public. We strive to provide this information through excelling in our relationships with Village Elected Officials/Staff and the Public, a well educated staff and sound financial decisions.” said Tucker.



**Jodi Molesky** is new to the Water Department clerical staff for the Village of Alsip. She was born and raised on the Southside of Chicago where she currently resides with her husband and two children.

Most of her free time is spent watching her kids play all the sports they are involved in. Her favorite professional teams are the White Sox and the Bears. Jodi is super excited to be part of the team and is looking forward to helping you with any Water Department needs.



**Jamie Parrot** is new to the Water Department for the Village of Alsip. He has been an Alsip resident for 15 years, and enjoys spending time with his wife, three stepchildren and their two dogs.

He is looking forward to the nice weather so he and his wife can get out on the motorcycle. If you see him out and about in the truck give him a wave hello. Welcome to the Alsip Water Department Jamie!



**Joan Ross** is the new Planning and Zoning Commissioner for the Village of Alsip. Joan is retired from the City of Chicago with over 30 years as an experienced government official with years of progressive management practices in financial and budget analysis.

Joan has a BA in Business Management from Chicago State University. She has administered budgets in excess of \$200 million, and has advised and consulted the Department Commissioners regarding M/WBE and DBE issues as it relates to city regulations and federal guidelines.



**Charles Carrell** is the new Human Resources Manager for the Village of Alsip. Charles has been in Human Resources for over 20 years and brings a vast amount experience and knowledge to the Village.

Charles' previous experience was Director of Human Resources in Healthcare and Healthcare Facilities. He received an MBA in Business Administration and Finance in 2014. He's extremely excited about this new venture in municipal government and looks forward to being an asset to the Village employees, as well as the people of Alsip IL. Charles is extremely honored to be here.



**Cathy O'Hara** is the new Police and Fire Board Commissioner. She has been a board member since 2014. Cathy has lived in Alsip since 1963 in the Hazel Green Area.

Cathy has been a hair stylist for 40 years and in 2013 opened a salon in Alsip. She gives back to the community by working with groups such as Sleep in Heavenly Peace (kids in the area without beds), holding events for cancer survivors, educating people on the use of Narcan (drug overdose training), and collecting purses for victims of domestic violence.

She helped start and promote the Hometown Hero Banners program honoring veterans. “I believe that wherever we can lend a hand in our community or village we need to help others rise up and share kindness.”

# A word from the Chief of Police



Jay Miller  
Police Chief

## Alsip Police Department Launches Mobile App to Connect with Community 24/7

The Alsip Police Department is thrilled to announce the launch of their custom mobile app for iPhone and Android devices. Village of Alsip residents now have a direct connection with

the department for the latest community news, instant public safety notifications, and more.

The app's multi-channel messaging system makes it easy for the department to deliver the right message at the right time, encouraging two-way communication. Once residents download the Alsip Police Department application from either the Apple and Android app stores, they can instantly connect to the agency through tools and features specifically tailored to public safety, including:

- Crime Map
- Frequently Asked Questions
- Sex Offender Registry
- Local Ordinance Access
- Citizen Resources
- Special Needs Registry
- Smart 911 Registry

The technology that powers Alsip Police Department app is Apex Mobile's proprietary platform. The system was designed to help police departments, sheriff's offices, and public safety agencies across the country develop, deploy, and manage mobile apps that drive effective community engagement. Apex's technology is being used by public safety agencies nationwide.

For more information call 708-385-6902 or go to [www.alsippolicedepartment.com](http://www.alsippolicedepartment.com). To learn more about Apex Mobile and their applications for public safety agencies, please call (949) 305-7008 or visit [www.apexmobile.net](http://www.apexmobile.net).

### About the Alsip Police Department

It is the mission of the Alsip Police Department to instill integrity, professionalism, and exceptional police service in partnership with the community. We aim to work with the community to make the Village of Alsip a safe and desirable place to live and work.

### About Apex Mobile

Apex Mobile is a leader in the development and implementation of mobile applications for public safety organizations. Built around a proprietary platform, Apex Mobile allows agencies to engage with the public more effectively than ever before with both standard and custom application functions. Currently in service with more than 150 law enforcement and fire agencies across the US and Canada, Apex Mobile is bringing community engagement into the mobile age and putting the power of mobility in the hands of first responders. For more information on Apex Mobile and their application platform call (949) 309-2408 or go to [www.apexmobile.net](http://www.apexmobile.net)



## Introducing Two New Alsip Police Officers

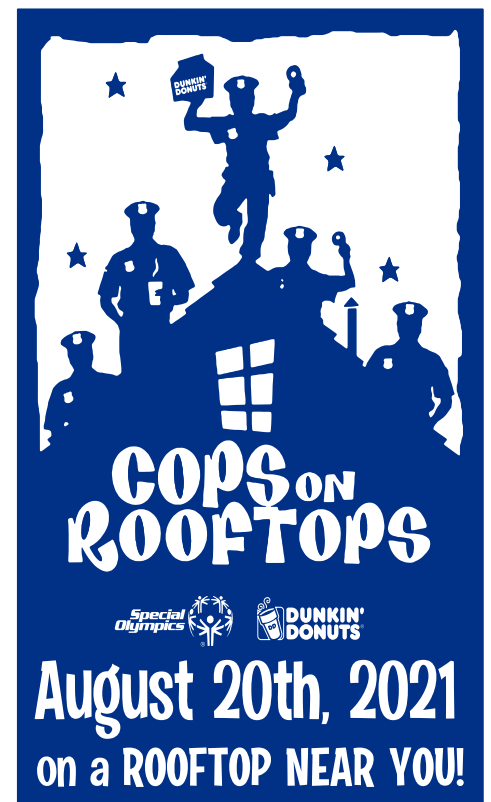


Welcome to Officer Paul Petan

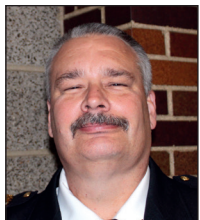


Welcome to Officer Mark McClory

*"With our app, citizens will be able to stay informed of crimes, utilizing our interactive map to get reliable crime information, in a timely manner at their fingertips."*



# Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski  
Fire Chief

Welcome to 2021. Even though we are still dealing with the Covid 19 Pandemic, we are finally starting to see the light of hope!! Many of our firefighters have received the vaccine and now we are seeing mass vaccination sites to help minimize the virus, if not extinct it. I'm sure many of you are happy to put 2020 behind us and move forward. We

at the Alsip Fire Department are ready to move forward again. Last year we put many of our public education programs on hold, was forced to change how we operate to protect our firefighters and the public from Covid, and most importantly how to remain sane through it all. To help cope with everything that has been going on and to keep our mental health in check we brought in the Illinois Fire Service Institute to instruct a class on Resiliency. Each shift sat in on the 4 hour class during the winter months. During this past year, first responders along with the healthcare professionals have been put through the ultimate test of our mental health strength.

As of this writing, the Fire Prevention Bureau has started up annual inspections again. In 2020 we completed the apartment inspections and stopped short of about 100 businesses. Considering the situation our inspectors did an outstanding job. We are now formulating plans to roll out our public education programs once again. This includes are monthly CPR classes, offering CPR, bleeding control and fire extinguisher classes to our businesses and of course hoping to hold our annual open house. Prior to Covid, we planned on starting home inspections (voluntary to homeowners) and will move forward with that program among others. Our Public Education division has received a grant from the National Fire Protection Agency to initiate Community Risk Reduction strategies. More information will be coming out in the future.

The Alsip Fire Department is planning on purchasing two new pieces of equipment this year. We will be replacing our oldest ambulance. The ambulance was purchased in 2001 and rechassised in 2011. Due to materials hard to come by because of the effects of covid and the supply chain, the build time for the new ambulance will be about 8 months compared to 4 normally. Secondly, we will be purchasing and placing in service a new mini-squad.

This squad will be used to respond to all ambulance calls, auto-accidents, prairie fires and a few other types of responses. This squad is being purchased

to reduce the overall costs of maintenance and fuel of our current fleet. It is also intended to extend the life span of our current fire apparatus. The Alsip Fire department used a similar type vehicle from the late 70s until 1994 and proved invaluable. This mini-squad was originally put in last year's budget but due to the unknown effects of the pandemic and economics it was put on hold along with other capitol projects.

In 2021 the Alsip Fire Department welcomed Firefighter/ Paramedic Miguel Luis to the department. Miguel was hired to fill a vacancy that was created last year and we look forward to having Miguel for a happy and long career with our fire department.

Even though the pandemic has slowed us down some and made us rethink out of the box to operate, the fire department has been busy maintaining our level of training. In January we had the fire department hosted a hazardous Materials Incident Command class. We had 1 lieutenant and 2 acting attend the class with 25 other students from fire departments across the state. In March FF/PM Laura Memmesheimer will be attending a week course (120 hours) to become a fire investigator. In March we will also be hosting a Rope Rescue class from the Illinois Fire Service Institute. There will be 6 Alsip Firefighters in the class of 37 students attending. In March our firefighters also honed their skills in bus extrication (rescue). Due to the amount of homes in Alsip that have solar panels, we will be providing specialized training for that new hazard in the near future. There are other classes planned besides our scheduled training to keep all our fighters up to date with the latest techniques and sharp with their skills.





The Alsip Fire Dept. would like to thank Nustar for their generous donation of \$2,650.00. The donation will be used towards the expected purchasing of an intermodal container to be used in the construction of an SCBA prop. Pictured from (L to R) are FF/PM Strand, Chief Styczynski, Kyle Cummings and Ernesto Gonzalez from Nustar and Mayor Ryan.

## Notes from Alsip Fire Department

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### In Remembrance

*In June of 2020, retired Firefighter Mike Rachan passed away from Covid. Mike retired in 2018 and spent 20 years with the Alsip Fire Department. During the early part of the decade Mike had purchased the first fire engine that the village bought for the fire department with hopes of restoring it. Mike was unable to realize that dream. In January Mike's family donated the fire engine back to the fire department with hopes of restoring it. Plans are being made to realize that dream for Mike.*



# Alsip is Named Tree City USA 7 years in a row



Mike Fraider  
Public Works

We are pleased to announce that on behalf of the Arbor Day Foundation we earned recognition as a 2020 Tree City USA town for the 7th year. As Alsip residents we are proud to live in a place that makes the planting and care of trees a priority.



## Branch Pick-Up Schedule

### WEST OF CICERO Monday/Tuesday

June 7, 8  
July 5, 6  
August 9, 10  
September 7, 8  
October 4, 5

### EAST OF CICERO TO PULASKI Wednesday/Thursday

June 9, 10  
July 7, 8  
August 11, 12  
September 9, 10  
October 6, 7

### EAST OF PULASKI FRIDAY

June 11  
July 9  
August 13  
September 10  
October 8

- Please remember this is a BRANCH PICK UP ONLY.
- This service is offered to homeowners in the Village of Alsip.
- Condo associations, apartments, and businesses should make arrangements with a private tree service or waste hauler to have their branches picked up.
- Branches **MUST BE STACKED NEATLY** on the parkway with cut ends facing the roadway no longer than 4 feet in length and less than 6 inches in diameter.
- Bushes with root balls still attached must have dirt completely knocked off.
- Branches should be placed out no sooner than 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding your first scheduled pick-up day.
- Residents that remove a tree themselves **MUST** contact Public Works to schedule a pickup.

### FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO PICK UP FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Trees cut down by a professional tree service or contractor will not be picked up.
- Large tree trunks and large diameter stumps will not be picked up.
- Branches placed on parkway that contain debris of any sort will not be picked up.
- Branches not stacked neatly on parkway or meeting size requirements will not be picked up.
- Branches from condo associations, apartments, and businesses will not be picked up.

**Your cooperation will assist us with performing a safe, rapid, and efficient service. Please contact the Alsip Public Works Department (708) 385-6902 ext. 364 if you have any questions.**

## Street Sweeping Schedule

### WEST OF CICERO

May 10, 11  
June 14, 15  
July 12, 13  
August 16, 17  
September 13, 14  
October 11, 12  
November 8, 9

### EAST OF CICERO

May 12, 13  
June 16, 17  
July 14, 15  
August 18, 19  
September 15, 16  
October 13, 14  
November 10, 11

All parked vehicles are to be removed from the roadway between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on the days the sweeper is scheduled to clean your area. The sweeper will not return to sweep an area where a parked car has been moved.

Your cooperation will assist us in performing a safe, rapid, and efficient service.

## NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK MAY 16-22, 2021



# Update from our local CERT Team

## Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Basic CERT Training – Class #4

The Village of Alsip will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. The Course is FREE and will be held on seven Wednesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Alsip Village Hall. The class covering fire safety will be held on one Wednesday evening at Reliable Fire & Security in Alsip. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday, October 23, 2021, at the village hall or a different location from approximately 8:00 am to 1:00 pm.

The CERT Program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety and extinguishment, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations including first aid, bandaging, splinting and bleeding control. Using the training learned in



the classroom and during exercises, CERT members can assist others in their neighborhood or workplace following an event when professional responders are not immediately available to help. CERT members also are encouraged to support the community by providing assistance with non-emergency events and emergency preparedness related projects. No experience is needed, we will provide you with the training needed to become a volunteer Alsip CERT member. The CERT program is applicable to all ages, however, the minimum age to participate for this particular course is 18 years of age.

Those interested in registering for the CERT Course should contact Charles Geraci, Department of Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, Village of Alsip, (708) 254-2900 or cgeraci@villageofalsip.org. Class size is limited to 25 and registration closes on August 16, 2021.

*Thank You!*

A special thank you to Walmart and Crestwood manager Jen Bell for their assistance and ongoing support of the volunteer Alsip Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). The response team includes residents and non-residents and serves Alsip and nearby communities.

**Walmart** 

## HOMETOWN HERO

### BANNER PROGRAM

#### Eligibility:

Individuals to be recognized must be a current or former resident of Alsip and must have served in any of the following branches of service:

Army ★ Navy ★ Air Force ★ Marines  
Coast Guard ★ National Guard

#### Ordering a Banner:

To order a banner, simply fill out the application that is provided at the Village Hall or on the Village's website:

[villageofalsip.org](http://villageofalsip.org)  
[alsipchamber.org](http://alsipchamber.org)

Return the completed form, photo of individual in uniform and fee to the Village Hall. Applications also available at the Alsip-Merrionette Park Library.

#### Photo Requirements:

Photos submitted should be in reasonably good condition. Photos of the individual in uniform are preferred. The original photos will be returned.

#### Cost:

The fee for participation is **\$100** and will include the banner production and placement by the Village during the time period mentioned below.

#### Banner Display:

Banners will be displayed approximately from Memorial Day through Veterans Day for a period of two years. (2020 and 2021)

If requested on the application, banners that are removed at the end of the two-year display period will be provided to the applicant.

Applications will be accepted from September 1st through March 31st of each year.

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~Village of Alsip~  
Alsip Chamber of Commerce

**Robert W. Klett**



**Army**

**HOMETOWN HERO**  
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## Highlighting local businesses

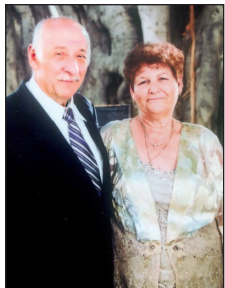
Putting the Spotlight on **Pappas Restaurant & Lounge** and **Kirco Precision Tool**

### Pappas Restaurant & Lounge

12219 So. Pulaski Ave

On September 4th, 1975, Bill Pappas and his brother Gus established the Alsip Restaurant and Lounge. In April of 1983, the name was changed to Pappas Restaurant.

Throughout the 45 years of Pappas Restaurant's existence, it has been home for hundreds of entrees, people and



memories. Our family views everyone who walks through that front door as one of our own. Here we ensure a wide variety of entrees whether it is breakfast, lunch or dinner.

It is essential to note that our food is prepared fresh daily. We are certain that your appetite will be satisfied with

the large selection on our menu. These selections range from Greek chicken to our ox-tail stew and much more.

Come in and visit us for great people, great prices and great food! Thank you for all of your support, we wouldn't be here without you!



### Kirco Precision Tool

12600 S. Laramie Ave.

The sound of grinding metal, a flashing blue welding arc, and a little rock & roll music well into the evening were not uncommon in the workshop at the Kirk household. From a young age, Ed Kirk could be found helping his father in their backyard machine & fabrication shop. Too young to run the big machines & power tools, Ed's primary tasks included sweeping up metal shavings, fetching tools, and holding the flashlight for his dad (usually in the wrong spot). Little did he know that these simple tasks were laying the foundation for what would become his passion and career later in life. As time passed in that shop Ed cultivated an expertise in metal fabrication and machining.



While attending Marist High School, Ed discovered a love for drafting and using various CAD systems. At age 18 he got his first job at Billet Specialties where he spent time furthering his CAD and engineering skills while designing high end CNC machined aftermarket automotive accessories.



Four years later it was time for a change. At 21 years of age it was time to combine all of the skillsets that had been

acquired up to this point and go on a journey.

Ed opened his own shop, Kirco Precision Tool, in the summer of 2010. His interest in technology and precision metal

work lead to the purchase of an Omax CNC Waterjet Machining Center. Waterjet Technology has revolutionized 2 dimensional cutting by using an extremely high pressure jet of water mixed with an abrasive to cut metal, plastic, wood, stone, rubber, foam, and virtually any other material with exceptional accuracy.

In 2012 Ed's girlfriend Cara began working at Kirco full time and has since learned to operate many of the machines and programs to keep the business running smoothly. Together they are able to complete orders for a variety of different industries and applications.

Currently Kirco Precision Tool has expanded beyond their primary service of CNC waterjet cutting to include Metal Shearing, Bending, Welding, and basic machining services. Kirco has its sights set on the future of manufacturing in America and encourages younger generations of entrepreneurs to chase their dreams and follow their heart.



New Village of Alsip sign created by Kirco for the Board Room

## Want to get involved? We could always use your support.

**Beautification Committee** All year long!  
**Holiday On Pulaski** First Friday in December  
**Village Wide Clean-Up Day** Around Arbor Day  
**National Night Out** Police Department night of fun  
**Cop On Top** Go out to assigned areas to collect donations for a cause  
**Link And Leverage** Village-wide recycling

**If interested in Volunteering,  
please contact Becky Smith  
708-385-6902, Ext. 317**

Administrative Assistant to Mayor John Ryan  
 Administrative Assistant to Building Commissioner Rodger Early  
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## Come out and join us August 3, 2021

National Night Out is a community-building campaign held annually that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, better places to live.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime prevention and drug awareness. One goal is to send a message to criminals letting them know that the residents are organized and working with the police to protect their neighborhoods. It is a great opportunity to meet your neighbors, police officers and village officials.

## Coyotes in Our Neighborhoods

Village of Alsip have received several calls concerning the activity of coyotes in the area and after contacting the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, they informed us of the following information. Education is the number one factor in dealing with the coyotes and they stressed that in the event of coyotes being aggressive and are causing a threat to the community to call them as soon as possible.

Coyotes are found throughout Illinois—in rural, suburban and urban areas. So if you see a coyote resting in or crossing a backyard, golf course, park or field—that is normal coyote behavior. It is also common to see coyotes out during the day. As long as they are given their space, coyotes do not typically pose a threat to people or pets.



### Here are some steps to prevent human-coyote conflicts

**Do not run** if a coyote approaches you. Yell, stand up straight, and wave your arms (the goal is to make yourself appear larger), or throw something at the coyote to make it move away (the goal is to scare it away, not to injure it).

**Teach your kids** what to do if they see a coyote. Have them throw their arms up in the air and yell “like a monster” to scare the coyote away.

**Do not leave small pets unattended** when they are outside, especially at night. Consider the use of fencing or kennel runs to protect small pets.

**Do not feed coyotes.** Property owners should limit the availability of unintentional food sources, such as bird food, pet food, ripe fruit, or trash.

**Comply with local ordinances** that require oversight/restraint of pets. Coyotes that are protecting their den or young will vigorously defend the area. Simply walking your dog in another area keeps everyone safe.

**Alert residents** of the neighborhood and the local municipality (e.g., police, public safety officer) if, and as soon as, a problem develops with a coyote.



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### Board /Committee Meetings

The Alsip Village Board meets the first and third Monday each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Alsip Village Hall located at 4500 West 123rd Street. Committee Meetings are held the second and last Monday of each month.

### Village Hall Hours

Monday 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Tues-Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Saturday & Sunday – closed

**Police, Fire or Paramedic  
Emergency dial 9-1-1  
Non-Emergency . . .708-385-6131**

### Department Phone Directory

All departments of the Village can be reached by dialing **708-385-6902**, then add the extension of the department you wish to contact.

### The following is a list of department extensions:

Office of the Mayor . . . . .	317
Office of the Village Clerk . . .	319
Office of the Treasurer . . . . .	331
Building Department . . . . .	335
Building Commissioner. . . . .	328
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**Alsip Village Hall will be closed  
the following holidays:**

Memorial Day	May 31
Independence Day	July 4th
Labor Day	September 6th

## Congratulations

### 2021 ALSIP ELECTED OFFICIALS

On Inauguration Day May 10th, our 6th District Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller welcomed the 2021 Alsip Elected Officials.

(from left to right)

Trustee Rick Dalzell, Newly elected Trustee David Perretta, Re-elected Trustee Monica Juarez, Newly-elected Village Clerk Renee Harding, Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller, Re-elected Mayor John Ryan, Trustee Christine McLawhorn, Re-elected Trustee Catalina Nava-Esparza and Trustee Christopher Murphy.

