



Messenger



FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan
Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

I hope everyone enjoys a great 2026 Spring & Summer, as the Village of Alsip works diligently to keep the community safe by working hard for you. My office and the elected officials are evaluating many opportunities to keep Alsip a vibrant place for your families and businesses.

Working Better Together. Village Clerk Renee Harding and Village Board Members Rick Dalzell, Christine McLawhorn, Chris Murphy, Dave Perretta, Bill Love and certainly Jennifer Cahill, through their attendance and attention to understanding how a community needs to meet the demands of growth, while maintaining fiscal responsibility, work well together and communicate responsibly to best serve the interest of residents and businesses.

Many departments are recognized in this newsletter, please know Alsip has an amazing Finance Department staff that includes Finance Associate Jodi Molesky and Accounts Payable/Payroll Associate Heather Tomkow who are working with our new Finance Consultant Cris Miroballi with the John Kasperek CPA firm.

Now more than ever, it's important to protect ourselves and our families.

According to The Old Farmer's Almanac 2026 forecast, the Village of Alsip can expect a warmer-than-normal spring and summer. Spring 2026 is forecast to be quite warm and wet, particularly in April and May, while summer will bring warm temperatures, with peak heat and above-normal rainfall expected in late June and early July.

Spring 2026 Forecast (April-May) Temperatures: Above normal for April and May.

Summer 2026 Forecast (June-August) Temperatures: Warmer than normal overall, with hot weather expected, particularly in early June and late June into early July.

Growing Season: The combination of warmth and increased rain in the spring may lead to good growing conditions, though it may be necessary to manage potential issues from excess moisture.

I hope your family enjoys a great and safe summer. Please take care of yourself and each other.

Mayor John D. Ryan,
Village President

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.

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

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 The Village of Alsip



- Apply EPA-registered insect repellent
- Drain standing water around your home
- Repair torn window screens
- Be cautious outdoors between dusk & dawn



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES

WELCOME NEW BUSINESSES

The Village of Alsip is thriving with businesses and we certainly encourage everyone to **"Shop Local"** and patronize these new establishments:

Alsip SKY ZONE NOW OPEN!

12080 S Cicero Ave

When it's too hot, too cold, or too rainy to go outside, parents start searching for indoor ideas that actually keep kids busy and happy. A playdate doesn't need to be fancy or stressful. It just needs space to play, move, and connect. Whether you have toddlers, school-age kids, or a mix of ages, there are plenty of fun ways to bring energy and laughter indoors.



Sheanna Engram at
SheShe Beauty Bar
12211 S Pulaski

Silvia Flores at
Triton General Contracting
4139 W 123rd St

Firas Esbir at
Franky's Famous Steak & Lemonade
12037 S Pulaski

Mosas Zayed at
Kiswan! Nuts Inc
5328 W 123rd St

New hair and boutique businesses at 12246 S Pulaski

Shavonne Williams at
Shayypatrese Inc.

Kayla Bradley w/
Cos Its Kayla

Kashay Watson at
Bazaar Hair LLC

Sonia Stokes at
Glo'mae Wellness & Aesthetics Spa

Miranda Pernell w/
Radlant Youth Spalughter Indoors

Congratulations to Sertoma at the New Hamlin Ave Apartments



The Village of Alsip is very thankful for Cook County President Preckwinkle and all of the County Commissioners for their interest and financial support of this investment of people in need.

The Village Board members did a great job of understanding what Permanent Supportive Housing represents, as PSH is a resource and many future developments are being considered for this Village and others.



Updates from the Village Clerk



Renee Harding
Village Clerk

57th Annual Professional Municipal Clerk's Week May 4th – May 10th, 2026

The Office of the Professional Municipal Clerk, is a time honored and vital part of local government, exists throughout the world, is the oldest among public servants, provides the professional link between the citizens, the local governing bodies and agencies of government at other levels, have pledged to be ever mindful of their neutrality and impartiality, rendering equal service to all.

The Clerk's Office serves as the information center on functions of local government and community, and continually strives to improve the administration of the affairs related to the Village of Alsip. Our office performs a multitude of functions to serve the residents and business owners of Alsip. It is truly the heart and soul of the Village.

Your Clerk's Office is comprised of three clerks, a Deputy Clerk, and Clerk Renee Harding. Our office processes all money coming in and going out, FOIA requests, incoming and outgoing mail, administers the Oath of Office to sworn Village Council, maintains all official records/contracts, processes block party applications, publishes all Public Meetings and Public Hearings, notary, voter registration, maintains the Municipal Ordinance Book, transfer stamps, and much more. We don't have all the answers, but we have the resources to help get you in touch with the best resources to help. Don't hesitate to give us a call if you need assistance!



Yard Waste

Yard Waste services are provided by **Republic Services** and will be collected on **Fridays from April 1st until November 30th**. Landscape waste (grass, leaves, branches, brush and other vegetative waste, excluding dirt, clay or other inorganic material) must not be mixed with garbage. Yard waste needs to be placed in a yard waste bag or an appropriately labeled container not to exceed 33-gallon capacity and must not exceed fifty (50) pounds. Tree and shrub trimmings shall be tied and in bundles not exceeding fifty (50) pounds and forty-one (41") in length. Yard waste may not be placed in plastic bags, drums, or fiber drums.



Yard Waste Only stickers are available at the Village Hall Clerk's Office.



Animal Tags

Don't forget to register your cat or dog. The Clerk's Office has the tags available for purchase. We will just need your pet's name, breed, color, gender, and their current rabies certificate. The cost is \$3.00 per animal.

Please call the Clerk's Office with any questions!



Come out and join us August 4, 2026

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.

Alsip Police Department-2025 Awards Banquet



Jay Miller
Police Chief

On March 3, 2026 the Alsip Police Department hosted their 3rd Annual Awards ceremony in order to recognize their Officers throughout 2025.

The event, which is funded from donations by local businesses as well as the Alsip FOP, awards Officers for Life Saving events, Meritorious Service, Officer of the Year and several other accolades.

Officers gather together once a year to share a meal and enjoy the camaraderie of the event.



Officer Kevin Stepanek, Officer of the Year



Officer Dennis Stevens, Most Valuable Partner



Officer Erin Wood, Top DUI Enforcement



Sergeant Nicole Bires, Leadership Award



Investigations Division



Updates from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski
Fire Chief

I began writing this article on March 16th. Within 12 hours of beginning this article, our area had an extreme amount of rainfall and flooding with severe storms. Within 5 hours of beginning this article we then transformed to sleet and snow, with over 1000 cancellations at both airports. A week before this a devastating tornado hit both the Kankakee area and Indiana with 4 tornadoes traveling 160 miles. Since the fall article, our weather has gone completely bat crazy. We had several 70 degree days in February and within 24 hours our temperature changed 80 degrees. When you receive this newsletter, it will either be 80 degrees outside or -10 with 4 feet of snow. Hopefully, I am wrong. With that being said, our fire department must be ready to adapt to the different weather conditions and still provide the best possible service. During the Kankakee tornado, we sent 3 Alsip firefighters who are members of our regional Technical Rescue Team to assist with their efforts. We always need to adapt to the changes in our world, regardless of what it is. Our world is very dynamic and seems even more so now than ever before.



Now, new things are happening in your fire department. To begin with we took delivery of a new ambulance in November, and it was placed in service in February. It looks like our other 2. One of the special features of our ambulances is the sliding side doors. It is very important for the safety of our firefighters, especially when working in traffic areas. This ambulance will be replacing our 2013 ambulance which will now be converted into a specialty response vehicle. Hopefully that will be placed in



service in April. It will contain specialized equipment to help some out of the non ordinary responses. Due to the extreme generosity of the family of Minimill in our town, they completely funded replacing our 2002 service vehicle. We cannot thank them enough for their support. At this writing, we also took delivery of a new drone to replace our much older drone. This was possible with a grant from FM Global, a very generous donation from Arkema Coatings in Alsip and from our department's 2% fund. We currently have 2 licensed operators and 3 more will be tested to obtain their license. The objective of our drone program is for operations, pre-plans, fire prevention and fire investigations. It will be a great addition.

Thanks to the Mayor and the board of Trustees, the fire department purchased 3 new cardiac monitors and 3 new CPR assisted devices. These units have the most up-to-date technology to help us treat our cardiac patients. We hope to have them in service by early April.

In October of last year we hired 2 new firefighters, Farris Gholeh and Dylan Hemmings. Both have been progressing through their probationary training program very well. This year, we expect a few of our personnel to retire (well deserved of course).

As springtime arrives and we begin to barbecue and grill, use caution for both. Do not throw hot coals out. Make sure they are completely cooled off before discarding. Use caution when using propane gas. Make sure your connections are tight on the grill before each use and **NEVER** try to adjust or tighten the connection after you light the grill. If for some reason your grill starts on fire during use, try to move it away from any structure and you may use your garden hose with a spray nozzle to help cool it down. Keep a good distance. Contrary to what you see on TV, the tank will not blow up. They have a relief valve to relieve the excess pressure. If the valve is exposed to the flame or excessive heat, it might rupture and open up. For a very short period of time, you will see an increase of flame at a higher pressure at the top of the tank. **DO NOT** try to extinguish or stop this. It is doing what it is designed to do. For our apartment and condo dwellers, determine if you are allowed to have a grill on your balcony. Our fire inspectors do inspect several times during the season. A municipal violation will be issued for offenders.

Open burning is illegal in the Village of Alsip as well as all of Cook County. This includes bonfires, burning leaves, etc. Fire pits are allowed but they must have a grate or

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screen over them. They are also required to be at least 25 feet away from any structure (per village ordinance).

The fire department continues to be involved with Community Risk Reduction programs (CRR). This includes our home inspections and the installation of 10-year smoke detectors (which is a State Fire Marshal program); with a grant from the Office of the State Fire Marshal. They provide 10-year smoke detectors, and we install them in your home. The home inspection is a voluntary program where we visit your home and identify potential fire problems. It is advisement only to help keep your family safe. Unfortunately, this program is for single

family homes only, no apartment or condominiums. If you are interested, please contact us at the email: AFDHomeINSP@villageofalsip.org or you can call and leave a message at 708-385-6902 x 2504.

As a reminder, your fire department is always busy keeping up to date with new equipment, new technology and doing whatever is possible to keep the highest standards of service possible. We will always strive to take care of our community and everyone who is in it.

Enjoy the rest of this spring and the upcoming summer. Take a vacation or two and enjoy life. It goes by way too quick!!

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

FREE Disaster Preparedness Training 20-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team Class



**NEXT CLASS
STARTS
Thursday,
September 3, 2026**

The Village of Alsip will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Thursday, September 3, 2026. The Course is **FREE** and will be held on seven Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Alsip Village Hall. The class covering fire safety will be held on one Thursday evening at Reliable Fire & Security in Alsip. The Final Exercise and Graduation will be held on Saturday, October 24, 2026, at Cook County EOC in Oak Forest 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 Director, Village of Alsip, (708) 254-2900 or cgeraci@villageofalsip.org. Class size is limited to 30 and registration closes on August 17, 2026.

Project Fire Buddies, INC

OUR MISSION

We are firefighters who offer support to children fighting critical illnesses. Their battle will not be fought alone!

Project Fire Buddies is a beacon of hope for every family we have the honor to serve.

HELP US CREATE GOOD DAYS.



OUR STORY

In 2016, Project Fire Buddies was initiated based on Kurt DeGroot's vision while serving at a fire department in the south suburbs of Chicago. With the collaboration of Ryan Ballard, steadfast support from his wife and children, and the dedication of other team members, the organization's influence has expanded significantly, driving its ambitious goals.

WHAT WE DO

Project Fire Buddies brings joy to kids struggling with critical illnesses. We believe that no child should fight their battle alone. Since its inception PFB has been steadily growing and expanding.

Project Fire Buddies ranks in the top 4% of non-profit organizations worldwide. Each day, new chapters are joining our mission, helping to spread joy to even more children.

OUR CHAPTERS

Our chapters prioritize cultivating connections with their Fire Buddies. Members of PFB pay visits to Fire Buddies at their homes, often times arriving in a parade of fire vehicles with flashing lights and blaring sirens. They bring presents for birthdays and holidays, engage in games, offer tickets to concerts and special occasions, and participate in significant events in the children's lives. PFB has also assisted families in obtaining essential medical equipment and supplies. Fire Buddies even drop by the firehouse occasionally for meals with the crew, station tours, and to see the rigs.



Do you know a child who is struggling with a critical illness and in need of a reason to smile? Project Fire Buddies is here to help. While healthcare privacy laws are crucial, they can make it challenging for us to reach the children who require our support.

Visit our website today to complete our contact form and help us make a positive impact on a child in your life.

GET INVOLVED

*YOUR SUPPORT
MAKES A DIFFERENCE*

Project Fire Buddies has expanded to include more than 140 chapters across 12 states. To find out if a fire department in your area is connected with Project Fire Buddies, please visit our website at projectfirebuddies.org.



Follow Us!



Project Fire Buddies is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies on the support of kind donors. We gladly accept cash and check donations all year long, and you can also contribute through our website.

Alsip Welcomes New Hires



Mike Fraider
Public Works

Alsip Public Works welcomed A.J. Radz, Andy Galica and Dave Lucin to our crew since October 2025.

A.J. & Andy are Class II Operators. A.J. was a summer helper at Public Works and both are excited to start their careers with us.

Dave Lucin is our part-time maintenance worker. Dave is retired and wants to stay busy which we plan on doing.

Welcome!



A.J. Radz



Andy Galica



Dave Lucin

Branch Pick-Up Schedule 2026

RESIDENTS WEST OF CICERO Monday/Tuesday

April 6 & 7
May 11 & 12
June 8 & 9
July 6 & 7
August 10 & 11
September 14 & 15
October 5 & 6

RESIDENTS EAST OF CICERO TO PULASKI Wednesday/Thursday

April 8 & 9
May 13 & 14
June 10 & 11
July 8 & 9
August 12 & 13
September 16 & 17
October 7 & 8

RESIDENTS EAST OF PULASKI Friday

April 10
May 15
June 12
July 10
August 14
September 18
October 9

- 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 AND BUNDLED WITH TWINE OR ROPE** 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.

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.**
- Full tree removals by homeowner **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.**

Your cooperation will assist us with performing a safe, rapid, and efficient service. Please contact the Alsip Public Works Department (708) 385-6902 ext. 2364 if you have any questions.

Street Sweeping Schedule 2026

RESIDENTS WEST OF CICERO

April 13 & 14
May 18 & 19
June 15 & 16
July 13 & 14
August 17 & 18
September 21 & 22
October 12 & 13
November 9 & 10

RESIDENTS EAST OF CICERO

April 15 & 16
May 20 & 21
June 17 & 18
July 15 & 16
August 19 & 20
September 23 & 24
October 14 & 15
November 11 & 12

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.

Stormwater Information

What is stormwater runoff?



Stormwater runoff occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent stormwater from naturally soaking into the ground.

Why is stormwater runoff a problem?

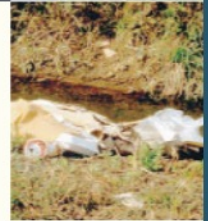


Stormwater can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and flow into a storm sewer system or directly to a lake, stream, river, wetland, or coastal water. Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged untreated into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

The effects of pollution

Polluted stormwater runoff can have many adverse effects on plants, fish, animals, and people.

- Sediment can cloud the water and make it difficult or impossible for aquatic plants to grow. Sediment also can destroy aquatic habitats.
- Excess nutrients can cause algae blooms. When algae die, they sink to the bottom and decompose in a process that removes oxygen from the water. Fish and other aquatic organisms can't exist in water with low dissolved oxygen levels.
- Bacteria and other pathogens can wash into swimming areas and create health hazards, often making beach closures necessary.
- Debris—plastic bags, six-pack rings, bottles, and cigarette butts—washed into waterbodies can choke, suffocate, or disable aquatic life like ducks, fish, turtles, and birds.
- Household hazardous wastes like insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, used motor oil, and other auto fluids can poison aquatic life. Land animals and people can become sick or die from eating diseased fish and shellfish or ingesting polluted water.



- Polluted stormwater often affects drinking water sources. This, in turn, can affect human health and increase drinking water treatment costs.

Be the Solution to Stormwater Pollution Things You Can Do to Prevent Stormwater Runoff Pollution:

Never dump anything down storm drains: This includes oil, antifreeze, cleaning products, and other pollutants. Only rain down the drain.

Properly dispose of trash and animal waste: Litter clogs storm drains and can pollute waterways.

Use fertilizers and pesticides sparingly: Overuse can lead to runoff into storm drains.

Direct downspouts away from storm drains: Redirect runoff to permeable surfaces like lawns or use rain barrels.

Wash your car at a commercial car wash: Avoid washing your car in the street or driveway, as soapy water can pollute storm drains.

Sweep up driveways and sidewalks: This prevents sediment and debris from washing into storm drains.

Compost yard waste: This reduces the amount of waste that ends up in landfills and prevents pollutants from entering storm drains.

Fix oil leaks in your vehicles: This prevents oil from contaminating the environment.



Recycle used oil, antifreeze, and other fluids: Don't pour them down storm drains or on the ground.

Pick up litter in your neighborhood: Even small amounts of litter can contribute to stormwater pollution.

News from the Water Department



Andy Karpinski
Water Department
Commissioner

Watering Restrictions

In an effort to conserve water for fire protection, health and environmental reasons, water conservation measures are in effect from **May 15th through September 15th**. During this time, the watering of lawns is permitted between the hours of **6pm to 10am ONLY**. Properties with odd numbered postal addresses can water on odd-numbered calendar days, and properties with even-numbered postal addresses can water on even-numbered days. Please adjust your lawn irrigation schedule to reflect these restrictions.

Sprinkler Systems

On average, a leaking sprinkler system can waste a significant amount of water, especially in areas like Illinois, where the summers can be hot and dry. The exact amount depends on the severity of the leak, but here's a general breakdown:

- 1. Water Waste per Sprinkler Head:** A typical sprinkler head uses around 2-5 gallons of water per minute. If a sprinkler is leaking, it could lose anywhere from 5 to 10 gallons of water per hour, depending on the size of the leak.
- 2. Leaking Sprinkler Impact:** If a sprinkler head is leaking for several hours or even a whole day, it could waste between 50 to 100 gallons of water or more. For example, if a sprinkler leaks at a rate of 10 gallons per hour and runs for 10 hours, that's 100 gallons wasted.
- 3. Seasonal Impact:** Over a typical 3-month summer period, if a sprinkler is leaking and running every day, this could easily add up to several thousand gallons of wasted water.



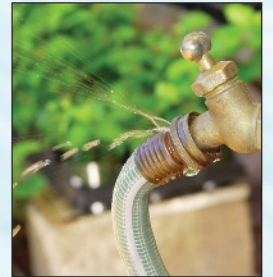
This kind of waste is not only environmentally harmful but also costly. It's recommended to have your sprinkler system checked regularly by a professional to ensure they are functioning properly to prevent unnecessary water loss.



Garden Hose

The amount of water wasted from a leaking hose can vary greatly depending on the size and severity of the leak, but here's an estimate of the water wasted when watering a lawn with a leaking hose in Illinois:

- 1. Leaking Hose Rate:** A typical garden hose can leak anywhere from 5 to 20 gallons per hour, depending on the size of the hole or crack in the hose. A small leak might waste around 5 gallons per hour, while a larger, more substantial leak could waste 20 gallons or more per hour.
- 2. Watering Time:** If you're watering your lawn for about 30 minutes to an hour per day, and your hose has a leak, that could result in 2.5 to 20 gallons of water being wasted per day. Over the course of a month, that could add up to 75 to 600 gallons of water lost due to the leak, depending on how severe the leak is.
- 3. Seasonal Impact:** During a typical Illinois summer (about 3 months), if a hose with a significant leak is used daily, you could potentially waste anywhere from 2,250 gallons (for a small leak) to 18,000 gallons (for a larger leak) or more over the course of the season.



This water loss not only impacts your water bill but also contributes to unnecessary water waste, which can be especially concerning in areas that experience seasonal droughts. Regularly inspecting hoses for leaks can help prevent this kind of waste.

Purchasing a replacement washer or hose will not only save water, but save you money over time.

Welcome!

The Water Department Is excited to welcome Mo Villanuva to our team!

Mo Villanuva, joined the team in February of this year.

Mo is a dedicated family man who enjoys spending time giving back—he volunteers regularly at his daughter’s school, making a positive impact in his community. When he’s not volunteering, you can find him staying active and enjoying sports, with soccer being his favorite.



We’re thrilled to have Mo as part of our team and look forward to the great contributions he will bring to the Water Department! **Welcome, Mo!**

News from the Building Department

Spring Into Home Improvements - But Don’t Forget Your Permit!

With the weather warming up, many homeowners are eager to start their next home improvement project. Before you begin, remember that most home improvements require a permit from the Village of Alsip.



Rodger Early
Building Department
Commissioner

Why are permits important?

Permits ensure that work is done correctly, up to code, and—most importantly—safely. They also verify that any contractors hired are licensed with the Village of Alsip, protecting you from unqualified or unlicensed work.

Before starting your project, check with the Village to see if a permit is required. Taking this step now can save you time, money, and headaches later!

For more information or to apply for a permit, visit www.villageofalsip.org or call 708-385-6902 ext. 3220.

Stay safe and happy renovating!



Congratulations to the Water Department!

The Alsip Water Department remains committed to providing residents and businesses with a safe, reliable water supply while promoting responsible water use throughout our community.

Throughout 2025, many of you may have noticed water conservation tips shared through the #ILWaterAmbassador campaign, along with informative graphics from the American Water Works Association Illinois Section (ISAWWA). These efforts are part of a larger initiative to educate and engage the public on the importance of water stewardship.

The ISAWWA Water Ambassador Program was developed to enhance public awareness, improve understanding, and strengthen consumer education within the water industry. By offering consistent, relevant, and engaging content, the program helps communities better connect with their water systems. Participants can earn recognition at three levels—Bronze, Silver, and Gold—based on meeting specific program requirements.



We are proud to announce that, for the first time in Alsip’s history, the Water Department has achieved the Gold Level 2025 Water Ambassador Accreditation!

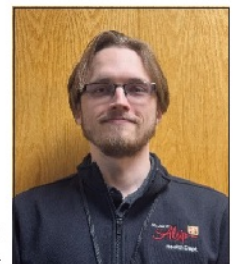
This prestigious recognition highlights the department’s dedication to education, conservation, and exceptional service. It reflects the ongoing efforts to keep our community informed, involved, and confident in the quality of its water system.

Welcome!

The Health Department Is excited to welcome James Kodatt to our team!

Since joining the Village of Alsip in July 2025, James has already proven to be a fantastic addition, and we are thrilled to have him on board.

A Chicago native, James brings a great energy to the workplace. Outside of work, he enjoys unwinding with video games and watching scary movies. When it comes to holidays, Christmas is his favorite—especially when it means spending quality time with family and friends.



Please join us in giving James a warm welcome!

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 native to Illinois and are protected wildlife under state law. It's illegal to trap or harm them without proper permits. Sightings are common, especially during fall and winter.

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.

Rodent Prevention

Rodents (rats/mice) can be a serious problem for residents. The below information can help you identify, control, and eliminate them. Rodents have a tremendous ability to adapt to their environment and quickly reproduce. Rodents have been associated with carrying many diseases that can affect humans and animals.

SIGNS YOU MAY HAVE A RODENT PROBLEM . . .

GNAWING: Chewed areas around doors, windows, utility lines and packaged goods, especially where food is kept.

BURROWS: Holes and fresh diggings around foundations, under floors, sidewalks, platforms and ditches.

DROPPINGS: Fresh droppings are a sure sign that you have a rat problem. Look behind objects, near walls, and in places seldom cleaned or disturbed.

TRACKS: Tracks in dusty places. If not visible, dust flour along suspected runways and observe for a few days.

SMEARS: When rats travel, they rub against walls to find their way. Look for darkened areas along walls next to pipes, beams and openings where rats are suspected.

STEPS TO HELP PREVENT A RODENT PROBLEM

SEAL ENTRY POINTS

- Mice can squeeze through holes as small as a dime!
- Use steel wool, caulk, or metal mesh to seal cracks and holes around doors, windows, pipes, and vents.

KEEP FOOD SEALED & CLEAN UP CRUMBS:

- Store food in airtight containers (including pet food).
- Wipe down counters, sweep floors, and take the trash out regularly.
- Don't leave dirty dishes in the sink overnight.

USE MOUSE TRAPS EFFECTIVELY:

- Snap traps, electronic traps, and live traps all work—place them along walls where mice travel.
- Bait traps with peanut butter, chocolate, or nuts for the best results.
- Check and reset traps frequently.

TRY NATURAL REPELLENTS

- Peppermint oil, clove oil, and cayenne pepper can deter mice—soak cotton balls and place them near the entry points.

REDUCE CLUTTER & NESTING AREAS

- Mice love to hide in clutter, cardboard boxes, and piles of clothes.
- Declutter and vacuum storage areas often.

CONSIDER POISON AS A LAST RESORT

- If an infestation is present, rodenticides can help, but can pose a potential risk to children and pets.
- Opt for an enclosed bait stations to help minimize risk and accidental exposure.

CALL A PRO IF NEEDED

- If your DIY methods fail, a pest control expert can eliminate the problem more effectively.



UPCOMING Events

Village of Alsip Fall Flannel Fest

September 26th, 2026 • Location - 11930 Kostner Ave



More info to come as date gets closer

2026 COP ON A ROOFTOP

in support of Special
Olympics Illinois will take
place on **Friday, May 15**
from **5am-12pm**

Check on the Village
website and Alsip P.D. Facebook
for location and updates.

Chicago River Day 2026 - Alsip Boat Launch

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2026

Time: 9am-12pm

Location: Alsip Boat Launch
5399 W Plattner Dr.
Alsip, IL 60803

The Chicago-Calumet River system is healthier now than it's been in 150 years, but litter continues to be detrimental, harming people and wildlife and causing negative community, economic, and public health impacts. You can make a difference by volunteering with Friends of the Chicago River on Chicago River Day - our fun, free, family-friendly annual cleanup.

Volunteer to improve the Chicago-Calumet River system.

Site Captains:

Matt Fraider Alsip Public Works Supt.

Becky Smith Administrative Assistant to
Mayor John Ryan Village of Alsip

**Friends
of the
Chicago
River**



Village of Alsip Clean-up Day Let's do our part!

NEED VOLUNTEER HOURS?



**Saturday,
May 16th 2026**

Alsip Village Hall
4500 W.123rd St.
9am-12pm

To Register Please Contact Becky Smith
Call **(708)385-6902 x 2317** or
email **bsmith@villageofalsip.org**

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

Beautification Committee
 All year long!

**If interested in Volunteering, please contact
 Becky Smith 708-385-6902, Ext. 2317**

Administrative Assistant to Mayor John Ryan
 Administrative Assistant to Building Commissioner Rodger Early
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ALSIP PARK DISTRICT SPECIAL EVENTS

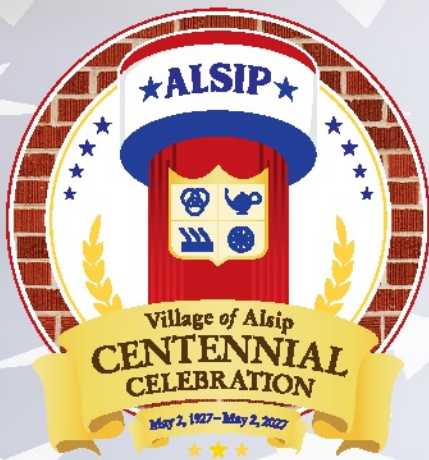
EVENT	DATE	TIME	LOCATION
EARTH DAY	WED. 4/22	4:00PM-6:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
CLEAN UP CREW	SAT. 4/25	10:00AM-1:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
**CONCERT	FRI. 6/19	6:30PM-9:30PM	FOUNTAIN HILLS
MOTH. DAY BRUNCH	SUN. 5/10	11:30AM	FOUNTAIN HILLS
CLEAN UP CREW	SAT. 5/23	10:00AM-1:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
SPRING RUMMAGE	SAT. 5/30	8:00AM-1:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
FISHING DERBY	SAT. 5/30	8:30AM-10:30AM	COMMISSIONERS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL	WED. 6/3	6:00PM-8:00PM	SEARS PARK
FAMILY BINGO	SAT. 6/13	10:00AM-12:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
**CONCERT	FRI. 6/19	6:30PM-9:30PM	FOUNTAIN HILLS
*FUN FEST	SAT. 6/20	12:00PM-10:00PM	AQUATIC PARK
MOVIE IN THE PARK	FRI. 6/26	DUSK - 11:00PM	SEARS PARK
PICNIC IN THE PARK	WED. 7/8	6:00PM-7:30PM	APOLLO PARK
**CONCERT	FRI. 7/17	6:30PM-9:30PM	FOUNTAIN HILLS
MOVIE IN THE PARK	FRI. 7/24	DUSK- 11:00PM	AUSTIN VIEW
XMAS IN JULY	WED. 7/29	6:00PM-8:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
CLEAN UP CREW	SAT. 8/1	10:00AM-1:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
FOAM PARTY	WED. 8/5	6:00PM-7:00PM	COMMISSIONERS
ICE CREAM SOCIAL	WED. 8/12	6:00PM-8:00PM	COMMISSIONERS
**CONCERT	FRI. 8/21	6:30PM-9:30PM	FOUNTAIN HILLS
CAR SHOW	SAT. 8/22	11:30AM-3:30PM	SEARS PARK
MOVIE IN THE PARK	FRI. 8/28	DUSK - 10:30PM	COMMISSIONERS
CLEAN UP CREW	SAT. 9/5	10:00AM-1:00PM	APOLLO CENTER
**CONCERT	FRI. 9/18	6:30PM-9:30PM	FOUNTAIN HILLS
PUPPALOOZA	SAT. 9/26	10:00AM-1:00PM	SPRAYFARI

Mark your calendars for June 20 for the Alsip Park District's annual Fun Fest event. In honor of the USA's 250th Anniversary, the Alsip Park District will incorporate a Patriotic theme this year including a special red, white and blue finale during our fireworks display.



This free family fun event will kick off at 12:00pm at the Aquatic Park grounds, 11930 S Kostner with various activities scheduled throughout the day including live music, Alsip's Got Talent, kid's activities and more. Check out our website at www.alsipparks.org for additional details.

100 YEARS OF CELEBRATION VILLAGE OF ALSIP



The Village of Alsip is proud to announce its 100-year Centennial Celebration, taking place the weekend of **September 10-12, 2027**. Incorporated on May 2, 1927, Alsip is preparing to honor a century of community, growth, and shared history with a grand and memorable event for all.

This milestone celebration is being planned in collaboration with local taxing bodies

and community partners, including the Alsip Park District, Alsip-Merrionette Park Public Library, Alsip Chamber of Commerce, business owners, and residents. Together, we aim to create an unforgettable experience that reflects the spirit and pride of Alsip.

Be on the lookout for more information in the coming months, including opportunities to get involved. We welcome volunteers, sponsors, and community members to assist with event planning, setup, cleanup, and more. Your support will help make this historic celebration a success for everyone! Stay tuned for updates and join us in celebrating 100 years of Alsip!

*If you are interested in volunteering or becoming a sponsor, please contact **Becky Smith, Administrative Assistant to Mayor John Ryan**, at Bsmith@villageofalsip.org.*

Thank you,
Village of Alsip Centennial Committee



Village of Alsip

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www.villageofalsip.org

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

You can reach each department by dialing the main number **708-385-6902** and following the prompts listed below:

- 1 - Water Department
- 2 - Building Department
- 3 - Public Works
- 4 - Police Department
- 5 - Fire Department
- 6 - Clerks Office
- 7 - Accounting
- 8 - Mayor's Office

Department Extensions

- Office of the Mayor 2317
- Office of the Village Clerk . . . 2319
- Office of the Treasurer 2331
- Building Department 2335
- Building Commissioner 2328
- Civil Defense 2244
- Environmental Health 2336
- Fire Chief 2235
- Police Chief 2243
- Public Works 2364
- Water Department 2327
- Water Commissioner 2325

ALSIP'S VILLAGE WIDE



MAY 15, 16, & 17 – 8am – 5pm

If you want your address on a list that will be available online you can call 708-385-6902 ext 2315 or come sign-up on the computer by police department vestibule

- **Deadline to sign-up is Wednesday May 13th 3pm***
- **List will be available Thursday, May 14 by 4pm**



Scan QR Code for Garage Sale Application Submission

There will be no GIS mapping, you are allowed to post your own signs as long as your signs are picked up by 5pm Sunday.

VILLAGE OF ALSIP

SPRING FLOWER SALE

Village Hall • 4500 W. 123rd Street

Friday, May 15th • 9am-4pm

Saturday, May 16th • 9am-12pm

CASH OR CHECK ONLY
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!

- 10" Hanging Baskets \$18
- 10" Premium \$20
- 12" \$25
- 48ct Flats Variety \$15 each
- 4.5" Geraniums mix of colors..... \$5 each
- 11" Geranium Tubs 2 per pot, mix of colors..... \$20 each

Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:

- Memorial Day** **Monday, May 25**
- 4th of July** **Friday, July 3**
Closed in observance of the 4th of July
- Labor Day** **Monday, September 7**



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