

ALSIP Messenger



FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan
Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

The Grant application I submitted to Cook County for "Invest In Cook" was approved for the Village of Alsip to conduct a Bicycle & Pedestrian Plan, as many of our non-jurisdictional (main streets) lack safe passage and need both sidewalks & bike paths. Ryan Peterson from Epstein Global Consulting is our point-person.

Please watch for upcoming Public Engagements at the June Fun Fest, etc. We're also assembling a Steering Committee comprised of stake-holders from Village (police, fire, pw, schools, parks, library, chamber of commerce, industrial association and bicycle clubs).

We'll also be promoting community outreach strategies, including website development that has a fillable form for comment or question and bike trail signage to promote our planning efforts, as well as the community event participation. Please watch the Village website and Facebook for updates as they become available.

THE GOOD! **Alsip Residents & Businesses no longer need to purchase a Vehicle Sticker.** I recommended and Board members Rick Dalzell, Christine McLawhorn, Chris Murphy, Catalina Nava-Esparza and Dave Perretta agreed to discontinue requiring residents and applicable businesses to have Vehicle Stickers. **Feel free to remove your Vehicle Stickers after June 30th!**



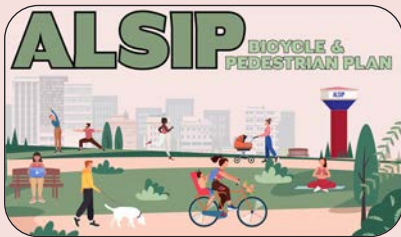
THE BAD! **Please don't dismiss, or ignore the need to get a Building Permit, especially when hiring a contractor, as the Village is here to protect you from workmanship that doesn't meet state code compliance, or possible fraud.** Building Permits require contractors to be licensed and bonded, so why have work done without a permit, as you may be at risk of paying for materials that are sub-standard and will now need to be removed. **Please call the Building Department to confirm if you need a permit, before starting the project!**



Example: A resident purchased a home and didn't know the previous owner had someone replace a pipe in a crawlspace and instead of using copper or metal, they used thin plastic. The plastic pipe failed and cracked, the water ran underground to a neighbor's house whose ejector pump worked day & night to push the water to the storm sewer and left the affected party holding a \$5,000 water bill.

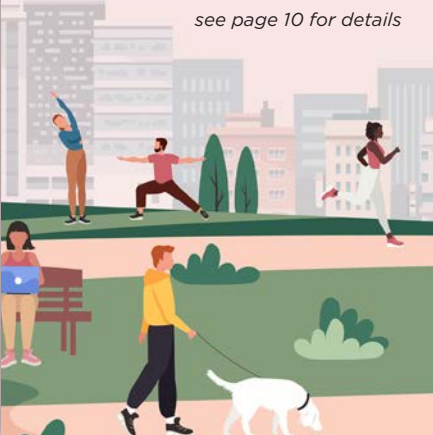
This scenario could have been avoided if the property-owner or contractor had a permit, which obligates the Village Building Inspectors to oversee the repairs for full compliance and protects the property-owner from possible deceptive practices, or prohibitive repair work.

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Village of Alsip

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Ordinance & Legislation Committee



... FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE — continued from front cover

THE UGLY! IDOT Engineers have informed the Village of the need to close the 127th Street bridge at Rt83 for the next (9) nine months so the state can re-strengthen the bridge, as this hasn't been done since 1968. PLEASE be patient, this inconveniences everyone, especially the local businesses.



SHOP LOCAL

Support Our Alsip Community

Please continue to support these Local Businesses that will be affected by the bridge being out...

Athens Gyros

Country House Restaurant

Delicate Touch Hand Car Wash

Nick's Barbecue

Sakura Japanese Express

Speedway

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATES



Opus Development has the first of two new 190,000 square foot logistic facilities going up from 118th & Mayfield to the Tri-state expressway. This massive expansion will also include a frontage road adjacent to the expressway from Central Ave to Austin Ave.

The Village has facilitated over \$176 million of new and expanded development over the past (6) six years and is fortunate to have more investment taking place now, because many businesses have identified Alsip as a growing business community and want their businesses represented here. These investments are what support the Village, schools, parks and library.

Thank You For investing in the Village of Alsip!

NOW OPEN !!!



4001 W. 127th St.
(behind 7-Eleven in the former Dunkin Donuts store)
They've been serving their famous corned beef sandwiches for 25 years and are known as **"The Home of the One Pounder Corned Beef Sandwich."**



4839 W. 111th St.
They're Price Match Guarantee say's **"We would love the opportunity to earn your business by offering the best prices by matching, or beating the competition."**

Coming Soon . . .

Smoothie Bar
4843 W. 111th St.



Shell Gas Station Quick Run Convenience Store
11458 S. Cicero Ave.



Taco Burrito King
11706-30 S. Pulaski Rd.



Charley's Cheesesteak
11100 S. Cicero Ave.



Police Department News

Alsip P.D. Partners with the Cook County Sheriff's Treatment Response Team (TRT)

The CCSO developed and implemented the Sheriff's Treatment Response Team ("TRT") in order to reduce the impact of substance abuse and mental illness on Cook County and its residents. They also provide assistance with: Family and Caregiver Support - Detox Services - Naloxone Training. Call or text: 309-463-4357 OR 309-4ME-HELP

Alsip P.D. Acquires Free Narcan To Help Save Lives

The Alsip Police Department, via a grant recently acquired free Narcan (Naloxone). It is used to reduce the immediate dangers associated with an overdose, such as accidental death. Alsip PD is committed to combatting the opioid crisis and reducing the number of overdose fatalities. Kits are available to Alsip residents at the Police Department during normal business hours. To learn more about addiction and find related resources, view go to cookcountypublichealth.org.

Alsip Police Department
DOWNLOAD TODAY

SCAN HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE APP

GET IT ON Google Play

Download on the App Store



Police Explorer Program

The Alsip Police Department is currently gauging interest in a Police Explorer Program. This program is designed for youth 16-19 years old that are interested in a career in Law Enforcement or Emergency Dispatch Services. Interested parties should e-mail Sergeant Jairo Gutierrez at jgutierrez@villageofalsip.org

*Passing of
Officer
James McGreal*



The Police Department mourns the passing of retired Officer James McGreal. Jim retired in 2008 after serving the Alsip Community for 26 years.

ALSIP POLICE DEPARTMENT

CAMERA REGISTRY PROGRAM

WORKING TOGETHER TO KEEP ALSIP SAFE!

Sharing does not mean the Police will have access to your camera.
There is no additional cost involved.

SCAN TO REGISTER YOUR CAMERA
Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to register or visit:
connectalsip.org

Awards Ceremony

The Alsip Police Department held its 1st Awards Ceremony on March 6th. The purpose was to formally present Officers with awards for several acts of exceptional performance or lifesaving actions over the past year.



Officer Kyle Forsyth

The ceremony highlights include **Officer Kyle Forsyth** being presented with the **“Top Shot”** award for firearms proficiency. (Left)

The **“Officer of the Year”** was presented to **Officer Jason Slawecki** for his positive attitude, productivity, innovation and commitment. (Left)

The **“Most Valuable Partner”** award went to **Officer Billal Haleem** for being the person who is most helpful and the person most would want to work with. (Right)



Officer Billal Haleem



Officer Jason Slawecki

The **“Leadership Award”** was presented to **Sergeant Hector Puente** for his innovation and positive impact on his shift. (Right)

Congratulations to **Bert Travis** who was awarded the **“Citizen Service”** award for his unwavering dedication and support of the Alsip Police Department. Bert is a long time Alsip resident who proudly displays yard signs and blue line flags in support of law enforcement. Bert also raises money and takes part in the “Tour De Force” memorial bike ride which is a 9/11 Memorial ride honoring the fallen police officers of the September 11, 2001 attacks. (Left)



Sergeant Hector Puente



Bert Travis



All Award Winners for the evening: (Left to Right):

Sgt. Tyszko, Ofc. Slawecki, Ofc. Saele, Ofc. Shehadah, Ofc. Haleem, Ofc. Wood, Sgt. Spencer, Ofc. Stepanek, Sgt. Dollear, Ofc. Forsyth, Ofc. Bires, Ofc. Klopp & Sgt. Puente.

Alsip PD Officially Awarded A Grant From Congressman Casten

We were informed by U.S. Congressman Casten, of the 6th District of Illinois, that the Alsip Police Department was officially awarded a \$372,000 technology grant.



This grant will help aid the implementation of the unfunded state mandated body camera program. This will also support our real time crime center which will be used to more efficiently respond to an emergency and investigate crimes. The implementation of these programs will enhance the safety of our community as well as our residents and officers.

◀ Congressman Casten was presented with a **“Letter of Appreciation”** by Chief Miller and issued departments challenge coin for his support of law enforcement and law enforcement technology.



Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski
Fire Chief

2024 is off to a quick start. Another mild winter (we aren't complaining) to begin our year. Now we are ready for warmer days and longer sunlight.

We are always busy here at the Alsip Fire Department between going on emergency and non-emergency calls, continually training our firefighters

and mainly serving our public through community risk reduction programs and fire inspection in our businesses. We just kicked off our annual inspection program March 1st. Annually, we have roughly 850 to 900 business to inspect every year and another 450 apartment buildings. The annual inspections are designed to keep everyone safe and minimize the possibility of a fire by reducing the hazards. By the time you are reading this, we would have kicked off our newest community risk reduction program by providing inspections to residential homes. This is a voluntary program for us to visit your home and identify any hazards that we see and offer assistance in either eliminating or minimizing those hazards. We will also be offering to install 10 year smoke detectors through a program offered by the State Fire Marshal's office. Again, strictly volunteer with information found on our Facebook page. This program is only offered to single family homes, no apartment or condominium units. The goal is to get every home with at least 1 smoke detector (1 per floor would be better). Keep an eye out for more information.

In January we had 2 retirements. Our **Administrative Assistant Sharon Szynalski** retired after more than 22 years of service to the Alsip Fire Department. Sharon was the first administrative assistant for the fire department and pretty much started from scratch on her first day. Sharon was a great wealth of knowledge with her history with the fire department and made my job much easier as Fire Chief. We will miss her greatly. **We wish her a very happy and healthy retirement, much deserved.**



Firefighter/Paramedic Bob (Boo) McEvelly also retired.

Bob dedicated 29 years with the Alsip Fire Department. Bob has been a life long resident of Alsip and his father was also a retired lieutenant with the fire department.

We will miss Bob's humor. **We wish Bob a very healthy and happy retirement.**



Between May and August we will be having 3 more of our firefighters retiring, all within their 28th year here at Alsip. We wish them a happy retirement as well. We will be hiring new firefighters to replace them.

With spring and summer coming up it will be time for the grills, barbeques and fire pits to be working. As a reminder, grills aren't allowed on most apartment or condo balconies. Refer to your management or association rules. Use caution with charcoal grills. Make sure you wait for the coals to be completely cold before disposing of. If you have a fire pit, they are required to have a spark arresting screen. Make sure they aren't too close to any structure. Our village ordinance requires 25' away.



By the time the next newsletter comes out, we will have taken delivery of a new fire engine. We also have a new ambulance on order we will see in 2025 and preparing on replacing our ladder truck which is 22 years old.

**ENJOY THE UPCOMING
SPRING AND SUMMER.
BE SURE TO HAVE SOME FUN
AND ENJOY LIFE!!**

News from the Water Department



Dan Tryban
Water Department
Commissioner

Please be aware that the Village of Alsip does not come out to solicit for water testing, there are private companies going door to door offering water testing and they are **NOT** affiliated in any way with the Village of Alsip Water Department.

You do not need to contact the Water Department if you receive this placard; it is a private company acting on its own accord.



Welcome!



The Village of Alsip welcomed **Jesse Garcia** to the team in November 2023. He is a proud father of his 11-year-old daughter. In Jesse's free time he likes to go hiking, and visits Starved Rock a few times a year. He also enjoys attending concerts and music festivals. Jesse is catching on quickly, and we are happy to welcome him to the Village of Alsip Water Department!

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
alsipchamber.org

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

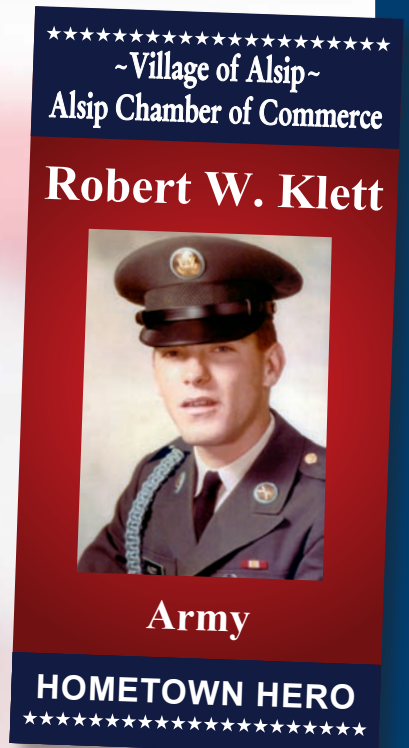
The fee for participation is **\$100** and will include the banner production and placement by the Village during the time period mentioned below.

Banner Display:

Banners will be displayed approximately from Memorial Day through Veterans Day for a period of two years.

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.



News from the Public Works Department



Mike Fraider
Public Works

In March we were lucky to have two Lane Preschooler classes tour our facility. The kids loved looking at our large equipment, some tires bigger than them, and salt dome in their Alsip Public Works construction hats.



Branch Pick-Up Schedule

WEST OF CICERO Monday/Tuesday

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

EAST OF CICERO TO PULASKI Wednesday/Thursday

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

EAST OF PULASKI Friday

April 12
May 10
June 14
July 12
August 9
September 13
October 11

- 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.

Welcome!

Alsip Public Works has welcomed **Rob Nowak** to our crew in February. Rob has been in the National Guard Reserves for 2 years and enjoys it very much.



Welcome to our group Rob.

Street Sweeping Schedule

WEST OF CICERO

April 15 & 16
May 13 & 14
June 17 & 18
July 15 & 16
August 12 & 13
September 16 & 17
October 14 & 15
November 11 & 12

EAST OF CICERO

April 17 & 18
May 15 & 16
June 19 & 20
July 17 & 18
August 14 & 15
September 18 & 19
October 16 & 17
November 13 & 14

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.



The program incorporates life-saving and decision-making skills in order to decrease injury and mortality; providing help when an unplanned disastrous event unfolds which has the potential to overwhelm the existing response capability. Volunteers focused on disaster preparedness, practiced fire suppression, emergency operations, basic search and rescue techniques, organizing resources, basic medical operations, how to use a fire extinguisher and basic damage assessment.

The CERT program is part of a nationwide effort to empower citizens in preparedness and response to major emergencies. The training curriculum was developed and approved for the National CERT Program by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), Department of Homeland Security.

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 30.

Highlights of Past Events



Awards Dinner



CERT Class 6 Graduates



Bank of America Chicago Marathon



Firehouse Open House



Kiwanis Service Award

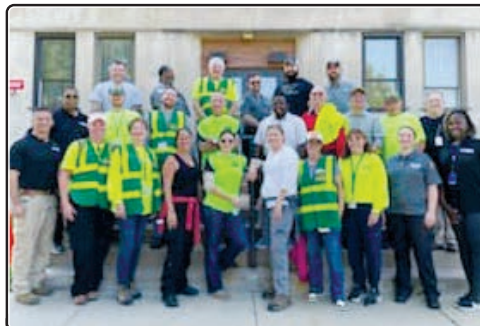


Laura Braden Award for 1000+ Service Hours



ALSIP CERT CLASS #7

The next annual basic 20-hour course will begin on September 4, 2024. Recruiting for the class will begin sometime in late February or March. Many people have already expressed interest in attending the class.



Ground Search & Rescue Training at CCEOMC



Winter Fest

Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for our Village

We're excited to share great news with the Village of Alsip community! Starting in March 2024 and stretching into early 2025, we're embarking on a journey to create a Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan for our village. This plan is about exploring the best ways to ensure everyone can safely and enjoyably move around our village, without always relying on cars. It's an opportunity for us to rethink how we share our streets and paths, making sure they're welcoming for people of all ages and abilities, whether you're walking, cycling, or using a wheelchair.

The heart of this plan is to listen and learn from you, our residents. We want to understand your needs and desires from our village's pathways and routes. Your insights and experiences are invaluable as we craft a plan to bring our community closer together, making Alsip a more connected and accessible place for everyone. We're dedicated to ensuring the proposed changes reflect your hopes and needs for a more walkable, bike-friendly village.

As part of this exciting process, we've outlined three phases of public engagement. We're kicking things off in May with interactive events, including a bicycle tour and a walking tour, which are fantastic ways to experience our village from a new perspective. Additionally, we'll place temporary signage with QR codes along our trails, making it easy for you to learn more about the plan and share your thoughts. And don't miss our booth at FunFest in June! It'll be a great opportunity to chat with us, learn more about the project, and share your ideas and feedback.

All updates and details about the plan will be available on our dedicated project website: <https://www.alsipbikeplan.com/>. We encourage you to visit regularly to stay informed and involved. This plan is more than just a project; it's a step towards creating a more vibrant, sustainable, and connected Alsip. We can't wait to embark on this journey together, shaping a future where our streets and paths bring us closer as neighbors and as a united community.

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HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

- SUBMIT A COMMENT
- ATTEND AN IN-PERSON EVENT
- POST A POINT ON THE INTERACTIVE MAP
- EMAIL THE TEAM

SIGN UP FOR A TOUR

FIND IT ALL ON THE WEBSITE!

SCAN ME



CITIZENS SERVICE REQUEST

Social Media comments are inaccurate and this portal helps us, help you! When you need assistance: please call (708) 385-6902, or go to the Village website at villageofalsip.org, follow this to the "Resident" column and drop-down to "Citizen Service Request", as you can access a fillable form where questions are answered accurately, or a request for service can be addressed and monitored.

YARD WASTE ONLY
BASURA DE PATIO SOLAMENTE

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.

Village of Alsip
SPRING FLOWER SALE
 Village Hall • 4500 W. 123rd Street
Friday, May 10th • 9am-4pm
Saturday, May 11th • 9am-12pm

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

CASH OR CHECK ONLY • WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!!!



LET'S DO OUR PART!
Village of Alsip
CLEAN-UP DAY
Saturday, May 11, 2024
9am-12pm

Meet at Alsip Village Hall



4500 West 123rd Street
Alsip, Illinois 60803-2599

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Local Postal Customer

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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 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



2-FREE-WEEKENDS!

SPRING

MAY 10, 11, 12
8am–5pm

FALL

SEPTEMBER 13, 14, 15
8am–5pm

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

We would like to inform everyone the Village has converted over to a **NEW PHONE SYSTEM**. The new system requires a **four-digit extension**. If you have the persons old extension, please **add a two (2) in front of the old extension**. If not, you can reach each department by dialing the main number and following the prompts listed below.

Village Hall Call 708-385-6902

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



Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:

Memorial Day Monday, May 27
*Garbage pickup will be delayed one day
and will be picked up Saturday, June 1st*

Independence Day Thursday, July 4
*Garbage pickup will be delayed one day
and will be picked up Saturday, July 6th*

Labor Day Monday, September 2