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ELECTION DAY April 2, 2019

Early Voting will be held at the Village Hall located at 4500 W. 123rd Street.

March 18th - March 23rd 9:00am until 5:00pm

March 24th 10:00am until 4:00pm

March 25th – March 29th 9:00am until 7:00PM

March 30th 9:00am until 5:00pm

March 31st 10:00am until 4:00pm

April 1st 9:00am until 5:00pm

We hope all our Alsip residents are enjoying this newsletter, which the Village of Alsip will distribute twice a year to keep the community informed of all activities, progress and changes that affect everyone.

FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan Mayor

Hello, Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

I've been told by the owner of McCarthy Ford "Pulaski Avenue looks great, whatever you're doing, keep doing it!" These type of comments are great, as the financial incentive to enhance the Pulaski Business Corridor is working well and many of the existing business owners seized the opportunity to split the costs of improving their properties by taking advantage of TIF

eligible reimbursements for

the replacement of parking lots, facades, hvac and roofs. The Village Board qualified these expenses and we'll be reimbursed within the next 12 years. I'm working with the Village Finance Director and Board to promote incentives for Cicero Avenue, as this is another area that has a tremendous amount of potential for additional business.

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My office also received wonderful comments regarding the new Luv-2-Play Children's Indoor Amusement at 111th & Cicero, such as "My kids want to go here every Sunday",

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Great News!

Mayor Ryan thanks the Village Finance Department for their work managing Village finances, as well as the Village Board for qualifying expenses and try to live within our needs. On January 14, 2019, Chuck Kozlik, audit principle representing Clifton Larson & Allen, addressed the Board of Trustees with the following report "The General Fund had an increase over FY17, which is a good thing because it means the Village is bringing in more than what it's spending. When the budget was done it showed in the negative, but by properly managing the funds the General Fund reflected a positive outcome for FY18."

Mr. Kozlik congratulated the village on receiving an unmodified, clean opinion for the audit which is the best result you can get.



Village of Alsip

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Mayor John D. Ryan



Susan M. Petzel

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

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or "they offer valet parking during peak hours" and "this place actually offers a private room to nurse!". Please know that while this business offers an opportunity for nearby families to have indoor fun, many families who may be staying at nearby hotels have a venue to bring their children as well.

Please note, Alsip recently witnessed the re-election of our State Representative Justin Slaughter and the election of our new 6th district Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller.

We've initiated an effort to reduce sub-contracting and save the taxpayer money, we're relying on Public Works & Water departments to do more to reduce the cost of water main breakages and sewer repairs, by having Village employees do some of this work. We recently agreed to replace an old 1987 Backhoe that was leaking hydraulic fluid and not running well. When purchasing the new Backhoe, we secured a grant to purchase a Trench box and training to do some of the water main breaks, as opposed to sub-contracting.



Lastly, please be patient and understand the need for Code Enforcement. I've asked Village personnel to demonstrate the need for compliance of Village Ordinances, but to also offer a warning when possible to first time offenders before issuing a Municipal Violation. Responsible communities that instill "Best Practices" produce great families who share the same needs with wonderful results. .

I have an "Open Door Policy" please contact me as needed, or email me at jryan@ villageofalsip.org.

Sincerely



Mayor John D Ryan Village of Alsip

Happy retirement wishes!

Our Building Inspector, John Justin, has retired after almost two decades of service to the Village of Alsip. Over that time "JJ" has served countless businesses and residents with their building inspections. We appreciate him and his professionalism over the past 17 years of service. It has been



our pleasure to have "JJ" as a part of the Village of Alsip Building Department family and the office will not be same without his positive attitude and huge smile. We wish him nothing but happiness and good times in his retirement and sincerely thank him for his service.

Online Services Available



Susan Petzel Clerk

Water Billing

We are happy to announce our improved online billing system for your water bills that allows you to pay with your MasterCard, Discover, American Express and now your VISA! You can visit www. villageofalsip.org and click on the link at the top of the page that says E-Pay Water Bill to be directed to the new site or you

can add www.villageofalsip.org/waterbill to your website favorites. There is a service fee of 2.25% of the total bill. Payments are still accepted at the Village Hall during normal business hours and there is a drop box in the vestibule of the Police Department for 24 hour payment drop offs.



Vehicle Stickers

Vehicle stickers will go on sale beginning 05/01/2019. Forms will be mailed at the end of April to those who purchased stickers last year. Your vehicle sticker will need to be on the lower right corner of your windshield by midnight June 30, 2019 to avoid any citations. You will also be able to purchase your stickers online by visiting www.villageofalsip.org and click on "Online Services" then click on "Purchase Vehicle Stickers".

Early Voting

Early Voting will be held at the Village Hall located at 4500 W. 123rd Street. **The dates and times are as follows:**

Mon., March 18th - Sat., March 23rd from 9:00am - 5:00pm Sun., March 24th from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Mon., March 25th - Fri., March 29th from 9:00am - 7:00PM Sat., March 30th from 9:00am - 5:00pm

Sun., March 31st from 10:00am - 4:00pm

Monday, April 1st from 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Voting on Tuesday, April 2nd will need to be done at your assigned polling location and not at the Village Hall.





The Beautification Committee of Alsip gratefully acknowledges sponsorship of the following Businesses and Residents that donated.

RESIDENTS \$20.00 or more

Jeanine Kurland &
Theresa Barton
Beverly Morrey
Mary Iannucilli
Mathias & Joann Schergen
Mary & Edward Vucinic
Edward Schukel
Rafael & Araceli Magani



BUSINESSES \$100.00 or more

Quattrocki M & R
GC America
Burr Oak Bowl
A & R Machine
Metro Service Industrial Tire
B & R Towing
Industrial Welders Rebuilders
Double Tree Hotel
Eggman's Restaurant
Studio K
NSS Exteriors
Diane & Glenn Alsen

A word from the Chief of Police



Jay Miller Police Chief

As Police Chief, I am most proud of our Department and every member of our agency. Each day our personnel act with professionalism and dedication.

Together we will continue to work in unison making our agency and community incrementally safer. Over the past year my staff has worked hard

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to improve our service to you and to continue to develop, train and educate our officers. Some of our most notable programs are:

 Walk & Talk Program: Is designed to get officers to walk



in their beats, identify problems, interact positively with residents and identify problems that are important to the resident of that community. This program is in effect May-October.

• Park District Relationships: We have



made significant efforts to address the concerns of our Park District.

Utilizing our new UTV we partnered together and implemented park patrols during the summer months. Special thanks to Jeannette Huber for making this happen.

- School Relationships: We have made significant efforts to work with our schools and address their concerns in regards to traffic safety and violence. We have implemented school foot patrols in all of our schools. Officers walk through schools routinely when school is in session. This program has demonstrated our efforts to making sure that our schools are a safe environment for children to learn.
- Speed Signs: District 126 and our agency partnered to improve traffic safety around Lane and Prairie Junior High schools. School District 126 purchased two speed signs. Public Works will install them. One will be Northbound Kostner Ave. at approximately 119 Place. The other will be located Eastbound 123rd Street in the 4700 block. We want to thank Superintendent Craig Gwaltney and the District 126 Board for their support and cooperative efforts.

- Social Media: Tactical Media manages our social media pages for Facebook, Twitter and assists with the content on the police department website. This allows our agency to engage the public, publicize crime alerts and highlight some of the positive things we are doing in the community. Follow us on Facebook at AlsipPD.
- Force Training: A new piece of equipment added to help Officers in decision making that ranges from

de-escalation to shoot scenarios is our Use of Force Simulator from Ti Training. This simulator has over 800 different scenarios. It



allows for the use of an interactive flash light, pepper spray, Taser, rifle or duty handgun just like on the street. Officers must, under stress, diagnose a situation as it unfolds and attempt to de-escalate the situation or make the appropriate force decision.

Public Safety Graduates



Congratulations to Lieutenant Todd Gutkowski and Lieutenant Kevin Mikos on their graduation from Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command – Class 446.



Cop on a Rooftop

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

Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski Fire Chief

The Alsip Fire Department had a busy 2018. We responded to over 300 additional emergency calls up from 2017. In the fall of 2018, the fire department took delivery of a new ambulance to replace its 2008 ambulance. It is our

first ambulance with a sliding door for our personnel's safety. The Fire department also put in service 3 new cardiac monitors for the ambulances. We had a very good showing of residents at our annual Open House in October despite the rainy day.

Our Public Education Bureau was very busy delivering safety classes in all of our schools,



CPR classes and fire extinguisher training classes to many of our businesses along with activities at the "Holiday on Pulaski".

On January 28th Firefighter/

Paramedic Chad Freitag was promoted to Lieutenant to fill a vacancy created by an injured lieutenant.

The Fire Department's annual report will be posted soon on the village website.

We ask that you keep the fire hydrants near your home clear from the snow during the winter months.

This is the only way for us to see them and gives us quick access for a water supply.





FREE Disaster Preparedness Training

20-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team Class

The Village of Alsip will be hosting a Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20-Hour Basic Course starting on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The Course is FREE and will be held on six Wednesday

evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm at the Alsip-Merrionette Park Library. 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, June 15, 2019, at Prairie Junior High 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 30 and registration closes on April 22, 2019. FREE

New Public Works Vehicles



Mike Fraider Public Works

Public Works took ownership of these new dump/plow trucks in September of 2018. These new trucks will help the department to perform critical repairs and opertions on the streets and provide dependable services to our residents and business community.



Public Works was awarded a grant in the amount of \$15,000 from the Morton Arboretum and the U.S. Forest Service for the purchase of new trees to be planted on Village parkways.







Street Sweeping Schedule

RESIDENTS WEST OF CICERO	RESIDENTS EAST OF CICERO
April 8 & 9	April 10 & 11
May 13 & 14	May 15 & 16
June 10 & 11	June 12 & 13
July 15 & 16	July 17 & 18
August 12 & 13	August 14 & 15
September 16 & 17	September 18 & 19
October 14 & 15	October 16 & 17
November 4 & 5	November 6 & 7

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.

Branch Pick-Up Schedule

RESIDENTS WEST OF CICERO Mon/Tues	RESIDENTS EAST OF CICERO TO PULASKI Wed/Thurs	RESIDENTS EAST OF PULASKI Friday
April 1 & 2	April 3 & 4	April 5
May 6 & 7	May 8 & 9	May 10
June 3 & 4	June 5 & 6	June 7
July 8 & 9	July 10 & 11	July 12
August 5 & 6	August 7 & 8	August 9
September 9 & 10	September 11 & 12	September 13
October 7 & 8	October 9 & 10	October 11

Branch pick up only. Must be stacked neatly on the parkway with cut ends facing the roadway. Branches not stacked neatly on parkway will not be picked up. Branches should be placed out no sooner than 4:00 p.m. on the day preceding your first scheduled pick-up day.

The following will NOT be picked up:

- Trees cut down by a professional tree service or contractor
- Large tree trunks and large diameter stumps
- · Branches that contain debris of any sort
- Branches not stacked neatly
- Branches from condo associations, apartments and businesses

It's important to look around for existing situations that may either cause or indirectly lead to pest infestations in your home.

When homeowners first notice pests in or around their property, the tendency is to just react to the problem and apply a quick fix, but it's more important to be then proactive regarding prevention. Please note the following:

1. Tree or shrub branches touching your siding or roof.

Tree branches are like highways for ants or rodents and they readily use them to gain access to the roof. Shrubbery against your home can also hold moisture against siding, exacerbating the rot process and inviting a variety of pests.

How to fix: Cut back vegetation away from the home at least three feet. In some instances it may be best to remove certain trees or shrubs altogether.

2. Siding in contact with the soil.

When the siding comes in contact with your soil, the contact will rot your siding and invite carpenter ants, moisture ants and occasionally termites.

How to fix: Dig any mulch or soil away from siding, deck posts and deck staircases. Provide plenty of clearance from the bottom of the siding to the soil so that the home's foundation can be clearly seen.

4. Disconnected downspouts

Water doesn't drain away from the home, but may drain on it or under it, creating moisture/decay problems, which invites pests.

How to fix: Make sure your downspouts are connected properly and that there is an elbow at the bottom that drains water away from the house. Walk around your home during a heavy rain and observe where the water is going. You may be surprised.

5. Prevent Rodent Infestations.

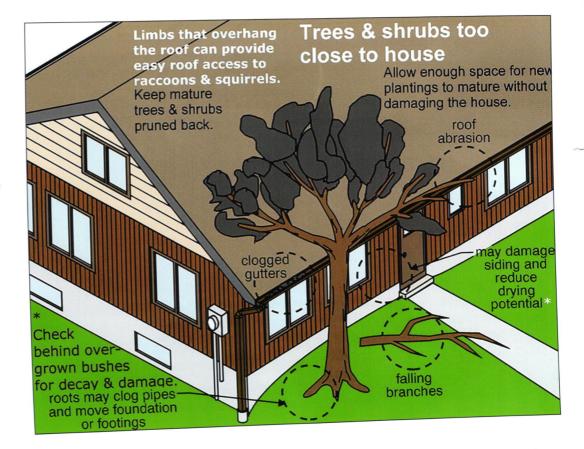
Discourage rats and mice from taking up residence on your property by removing food and water sources, and items that can provide them shelter:

- Cut all high weeds, tall grass & unkempt bushes & don't store firewood against buildings
- · Seal holes inside and outside the home to keep rodents out. Try plugging small holes with steel wool, or patching holes in inside or outside walls.
- Remove potential rodent nesting sites, including leaf piles and deep mulch.

3. Gutters plugged with debris

Why it's a problem: Water overflowing the gutters and running down siding causes decay, which attracts pests. Standing water in gutters is also excellent mosquito breeding habitat.

How to fix: Gutters must be cleaned regularly. In fact, even if there aren't that many leaf-dropping trees around the property, it is surprising how much debris can accumulate in gutters and downspouts.



Citizen Police Academy Update

The Alsip Police Department sponsored and held its 1st Citizen Police Academy. The academy was ten (10) weeks. Topics included: Patrol function, use of force, judicial system, Illinois vehicle code/traffic stops, crime prevention, tactical operations, crime scene processing, and conducting investigations. Twenty (20) people graduated.



What is a Citizen Police Academy?

A Citizen Police Academy is an educational and informative program that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that face law enforcement efforts in their community. The program helps local residents better understand police work in their community, and develops stronger ties between the community and police department.

Community-based policing is an important and vital aspect of crime control in any community. It's all about the police actively working with the community to prevent crime, and create a safer environment.

The goals of a Citizen Police Academy program can include providing stronger citizen-police relationships, enhancing lines of communication, and the reduction of crime in the community. (Source -www.illinoiscpaa.org.)



ALSIP BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE SPRING FUNDRAISER

Pre-order your stunning flowers through the Beautification Committee today!

Order Pick-Up: Alsip Village Hall, 4500 W. 123rd Street
One Day Only - Date: Saturday, May 04, 2019 • Time: 9am - 1pm

Name:	Phone:						
Where d	id you hear about the sale? Als						sip.org
Quantity	3" Potted Annual - \$4.00 each				FLATS \$15.00		
	3' Pots VINCA VINE(ACCENT PLANT)						
	3" Pots SPIKES (ACCENT PLANT)	Quantity	ALYSSIUM	Quantity	DUSTY MILLER	Quantity	SALVIA
			PURPLE		SILVER DUST		FLARE RED
Quantity	4" Potted Annual - \$4.00 each		WHITE				VICTORIA BLUE
	DOUBLE IMPATIENS			Quantity	GAZANIA		
	SUNPATIENS	Quantity	BEGONIAS		NEW DAY MIX	Quantity	PETUNIAS
	NON- 5TOP BEGONIAS		MIX				BURGUNDY
	GERBERA DAISY			Quantity	GAZANIA		MIDNIGHT BLUE
	SUPERTUNIAS (PETUNIAS)	Quantity	LOBELIA		CORAL		RED
	SWEET POTATOE VINE- GREEN OR BLACK		WHITE PALACE		PINK		WHITE
,	MEXICAN HEATHER		MIDNIGHT BLUE		PUNCH		YELLOW
					RED	5	MERLOT MIX
Quantity	6" Potted Annual - \$6.00 each	Quantity	COSMOS		RED/WHITE MIX		TOTAL MIX
	CITRONELLA		MIX		VIOLET		PATRIOT MIX
	KONG COLEUS				WHITE		
		Quantity	COLEUS			Quantity	SNAP
Quantity	1 Gallon Potted Annual - \$8.00 each		MIX	Quantity	MARIGOLDS		MIX
	CITRONELLA		DIANTHUS		SAFARI YELLOW		
	PURPLE FOUNTAIN GRASS		RASEBERRY		SAFARI MIX	Quantity	VINCA
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	BEGONIA DRAGONWING						
	SUPERTUNIAS (PETUNIA)						
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BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE 4500 W. 123RD STREET ALSIP, IL 60803

Quantity

14" Combo Hanging Basket - \$27.00 each

Gerannium Basket



Combined Listing of Events Hosted by the Alsip Park District and Village of Alsip

March through June 3



March 8	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
March 9	Business Expo/Recycling Event	9:30-3:30pm	Prairie View Jr. HS .
March 13	Pot Luck Card Party	12:00pm	Apollo Recreation Center
March 15	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
March 22	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
March 29	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
April 1-April 26	Alsip Flower Sales begin		Village Hall
April 2	Voting Day		
April 5	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
April 12	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
April 13	Easter Egg Hunt	9:00am SHARP	Commissioners Park
April 13	Breakfast with the Bunny	9:30am	Apollo Recreation Center
April 17	Pot Luck Card Party	12:00pm	Apollo Recreation Center
April 18	Flashlight Egg Hunt	6:00pm	Sears Park
April 19	Friday Night Fish Fry	5:00-9:00pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
April 21	Easter Buffet	9:00am & 11:30am seatings	Fountain Hills Golf Club
April 26	Earth Day Workshop	6:00-8:00pm	Apollo Park
May 1-June 30	Vehicle Stickers go on sale		Village Hall
May 1	20 Hr. CERT Course starts	6:30-8:30pm	Alsip Library
May 4	Village Wide Clean Up Day	8:30am-11:30am	Village Hall
May 4	Beautification Flower order pick-up	10am-1pm	Village Hall
May 4	Community Kite Fly	10:00am-12:00pm	Commissioners Park
May 10	Live Entertainment	6:30-9:30pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
May 12	Mother's Day Buffet	10:00am & 1:00pm seatings	Fountain Hills Golf Club
May 15	Kindness Rocks	5:00-7:00pm	Apollo Recreation Center
May 17	COP ON THE ROOF	5am-12pm	TBD – 2 locations Alsip
May 25	Spring Scramble	10:00am Shotgun	Fountain Hills Golf Club
May 25	Opening Day at Pool	12:00-8:00pm	Sprayfari Aquatic Park
June 1	Community Garage Sale	8:00am-2:00pm	Apollo Recreation Center
June 1	Fishing Derby	8:30-10:30am	Commissioners Park
June 12	Kindness Rocks	5:00-7:00pm	Apollo Recreation Center
June 14	Concert on the Green	6:30-9:30pm	Fountain Hills Golf Club
June 15	Fun Fest	11am-fireworks	Sprayfari Aquatic Park
June 21	Movie in the Park	Dusk	Sears Park
June 22	Mixed Partner Event	10:00am Shotgun	Fountain Hills Golf Club
June 26	Ice Cream Social	6:00-8:00pm	Apollo Park

Village Event in Red





Check out www.alsipparks.org for more details and event information.





Board /Committee Meetings

The Alsip Village Boards 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 **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	
Office of the Treasurer	
Non-Emergency	
Fire House #1	.233
Fire House #2	234
Building Department	.335
Building Commissioner	
Civil Defense	244
Environmental Health	336
Fire Chief	238
Police Chief	243
Public Works	. 416
Water Department	.327
Water Commissioner	.325

Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:

Independence Day Wednesday, July 4
Labor Day Monday, Sept. 3
Thanksgiving Thursday, Nov 22
and Friday, Nov 23
Christmas Eve Monday, Dec 24
Christmas Day Tuesday, Dec 25

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