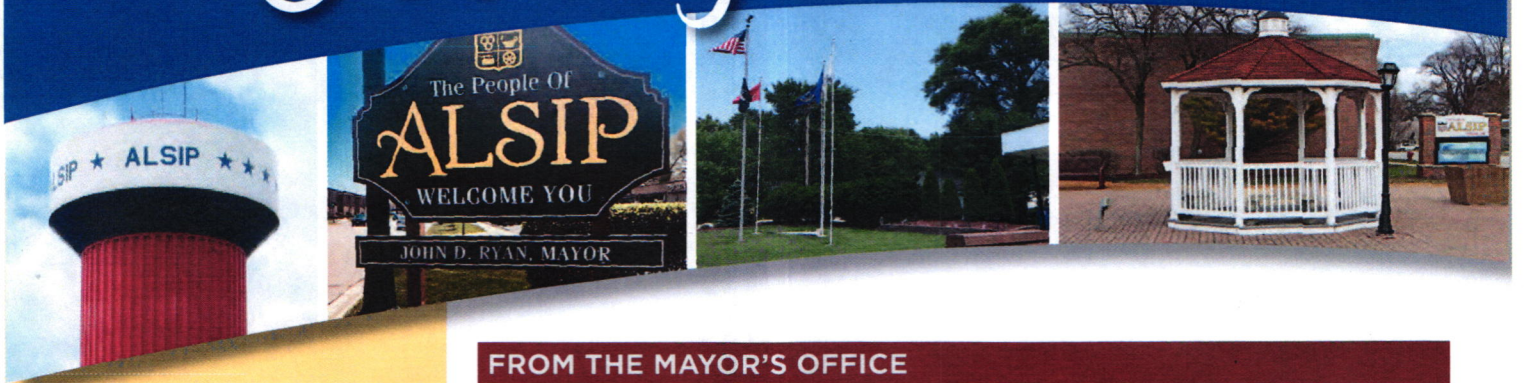


# ALSIP Messenger



## FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan  
Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

I'm proud of the Village services and especially the individual employees who give a 110% effort to making your community a great place to live. The Village Clerk's office is processing payments and requests for records. Alsip Fire is responding to over 3,500 calls for service annually, while Alsip Police respond to over 30,000 calls for assistance. The Public Works & Water departments are tackling daily occurrences, while training to do more services and reduce sub-contracting.

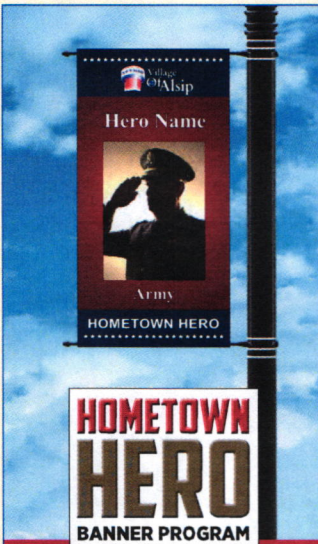
Please know the Building department is inundated with complaints, permits and inspections. Should you do any remodeling or replace plumbing or electric, please contact the Building department and ask if a permit is necessary, as it may serve as your best tool if the work wasn't done correctly. To manage a great looking Village you need Code Enforcement & Cooperation. The Village Board has approved ordinances that are discussed, approved and enforced.

***"To manage a great looking Village, you need Code Enforcement & Cooperation"***

If you're unsure whether you may, or may not, need a permit to make needed replacements, or improvements, please call the Village Hall. We're here for you and if you call for service and don't get a result you anticipated, please call my office (708) 385-6902 X317.

Sincerely

Mayor, John D. Ryan  
Village of Alsip



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

### HONORING THOSE WHO SERVE

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

See page 4 for details

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.





## Village of Alsip

4500 West 123rd Street  
Alsip, Illinois 60803

(708) 385-6902

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



**Mayor**  
John D. Ryan



**Clerk**  
Susan M. Petzel

### TRUSTEES



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



**Michael Zielinski**  
*Chairperson*  
Building & Health Committee  
Ordinance & Legislation Committee



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



**Christine L. McLawhorn**  
*Chairperson*  
Finance Committee  
Village Properties Committee



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



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



### FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE

*The Village is dedicated to responsible economic development that broadens the tax base, while expanding jobs or retail opportunities to the community. We thank the following businesses who are investing in Alsip:*

#### 7-Eleven Corp

is purchasing the Mobile Gas station & Fiesta Azteca Restaurant at 127th & Pulaski to build a newly modeled 4000sqft store, offering regular and diesel fuel sales.



#### Quality Pressure Wash

is purchasing the property at 12530 S. Springfield to build a new 15,000sqft Truck Wash facility. Additional services include: Commercial Cleaning, Graffiti Removal, Post-Construction Clean up and Sweeping.



#### Lynch Chicago

is purchasing the 44,000sqft property formally owned by GC America at 4300 W. 123rd Street. Lynch stocks a complete line of both new & used wreckers and tow equipment for sale, along with a full-service department, collision body shop and truck painting facility, including the area's largest tow truck parts department and one stop shop for all tow truck and car carrier needs.



#### Reza's Restaurant

is purchasing the property formally occupied by EDCA Car Sales and a self-serve car wash at 117th & Pulaski. Reza's has two other locations in Chicago's Andersonville neighborhood & Oak Brook, featuring Mediterranean & Persian cuisine. Voted #1 Favorite Vegetarian Award Winning Seafood and Kabob's.



#### Harold's Chicken

is opening a new location at the former Dunkin Donuts at 11817 S. Pulaski. Founded in 1950 Harold's features Chicken, Fish & Shrimp, Salads/Wraps/Sandwiches, Party Packs, Sides, Sauces, Desserts & Catering. This facility will be a take-out restaurant.



#### Betts Precision

bought 4857 W. 115th Street and is a manufacturer of precision machined components for a variety of industries. Specializing in Medical Rods (for backs), Spinal Implants, Connectors, Implants, Plates, Screws and Cages.



# Village Service Reminders



Susan Petzel  
Clerk

### No Solicitors Invited

Stickers are available at the Clerk's Office. Valid solicitors are instructed to honor all "NO SOLICITORS INVITED" stickers properly displayed at the residence. The Village will thoroughly investigate any complaints from citizen's regarding questionable sales tactics and will suspend or revoke the solicitors permit if warranted.

### Yard Waste

Ward Waste stickers are available in the Clerk's Office. Yard Waste season begins April 1st and ends November 30th (may change based on weather). Please call Republic Services if you have any questions at 708-385-8252.

### Animal Registration

Please make sure to register your pets. Animal licenses are available at a cost of \$3.00 for each pet. Registration expires April 30th of each year.



Every purchase you make at an Alsip business helps fund Village services like Police and Fire/Emergency Services. Sales tax revenue generated from purchases at Alsip businesses also help keep property costs down for residents.

Buying local saves time, money, and helps the environment. By staying within Village limits to make your purchase, you will save time and gas money.

Shopping local helps create and maintain local jobs. Local businesses hire within the community. Local business also provides members of the community without reliable vehicular transportation access to the goods and services they want.

Local Shops usually have better customer service. Local businesses are made or broken by their reputation and from repeat business, so they have more incentive to make sure their customers are satisfied compared to a big box store or Amazon.

## Welcome!

The Clerk's Office would like to welcome our newest Deputy Collector Brittany Darmon! She has lived in Alsip her whole life and we are very excited to have her be part of the Clerk's Office! She is catching on very quickly and we know she will be a great addition to our office. Next time you are at the Village Hall look for her smiling face at the window with Tiffany or Alisa.



Brittany Darmon  
Deputy Collector

**Welcome to the Village of Alsip, Brittany!**



Tom Hoffman  
Finance Associate

### New Finance Associate

As the new Finance Associate for the Village of Alsip, I hope to help improve financial reporting/transparency, assist with the audit and budgeting process, as well as help take on general projects that other staff are too busy to tackle themselves. I come from the Logistics Industry, meaning this is my first job in government, so I am very excited to help improve the Village I grew up nearby. In my free time I like to bike the trails in the local forest preserves, I also like to bake, and I maintain a small vegetable garden.

## 2020 CENSUS

In 2020, the U.S. Government will be conducting its **DECENNIAL CENSUS**, which is the once-a-decade population and housing count of all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the Island areas as required by the U.S. Constitution. The results of the decennial census determine the number of seats for each state in the U.S. House of Representatives and are used to draw congressional and state legislative districts and to distribute more the \$675 billion dollars in federal funds each year. In 2000, the Village of Alsip's participation rate was 82% and in 2010, it was 77%, both of which are very good numbers in comparison with other communities. Without your participation, the country doesn't have timely

statistical information about how we are doing economically, educationally or socially. Please be assured that the Census Bureau pledges to keep your answers confidential. This commitment means you can provide honest answers to their questions knowing that they will only be merged into thousands of others to paint a portrait of the country.

The Chicago Regional Census Center of the U.S. is seeking candidates to fill management, recruiting, informational technology, administrative, clerical and other positions to support the upcoming 2020 Census. Interested parties can visit the regional employment page at: <https://www.census.gov/about/regions/chicago/jobs/all.html> or call 1-855-562-2020.

# A word from the Chief of Police



Jay Miller  
Police Chief



The Alsip Police Department recently announced that Smart911 is available to you FREE!

Give 9-1-1 your information to help you fast. Smart911 can save time during an emergency. Create a private, secure SMART911 Safety Profile for you and your loved ones to share valuable information when you call 9-1-1.

### Safety Profiles - Emergency Alerts - Vulnerable Needs Registration

Register today at smart911.com and download the app on your Smartphone.

### Welcomed to our new K-9 team

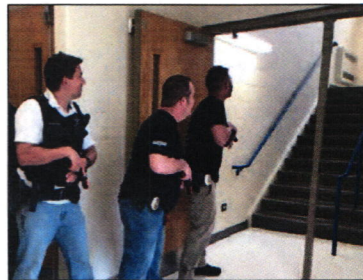
The Alsip Police Department welcomed their new K-9 team: Officer Kevin Hayes and K-9 Knox.



Knox is a 2 year old Belgian Malinois that was bred here in the United States. Knox had been in training since he was 8 weeks old at Landheim Training Center in Dyer, IN.

Knox is trained in handler protection, building searches and the detection of numerous illegal drugs.

### Active Assailant Training



Officers completed Active Assailant training at George Washington School in August this year. Having officers prepared for a critical incident is a department priority.

#### Eligibility:

Individuals to be recognized must be a current or former resident of Alsip.

Individuals must have served in any of the following branches of service:

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

#### Ordering a Banner:

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

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

Return the completed form, photo of individual in uniform and fee to the Village Hall.

#### Photo Requirements:

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

Applications also available at the Alsip-Merrionete Park Library.



#### Cost:

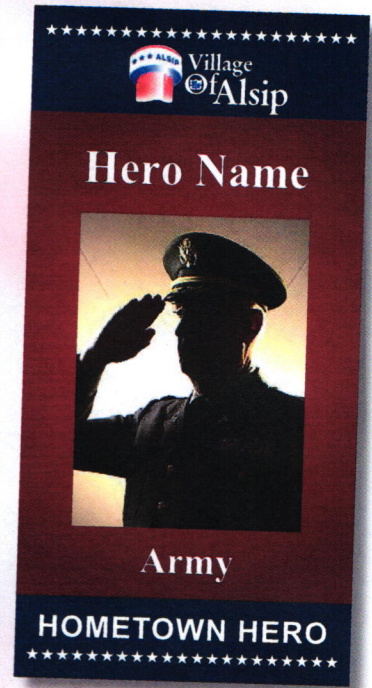
The fee for participation is **\$100** and will include the banner production and placement by the Village during the time period mentioned below.

#### Banner Display:

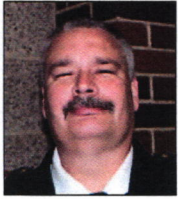
Banners will be displayed approximately from Memorial Day through Veterans Day for a period of two years. (2020 and 2021)

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

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



## Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski  
Fire Chief



Lt. Grutzius retired in May with 25 years of dedicated service to the Village of Alsip.



The Alsip Fire Department hired 3 new Firefighter/Paramedics in April; Edgar Serna, Laura Memmesheimer and Kyle Galvan.

### Alsip Fire Department Open House

The Alsip Fire Department hosted its annual Open House on October 12th at Fire Station #2 at 120th & Laramie. Activities included the Superior Medical Helicopter, side by side burn, a fire pole for the kids to slide down, the Alsip Police Department Safety Train, a jumpy house, the kid's road course with battery operated fire cars, a monster truck and more. There were plenty of give-a-ways as well.



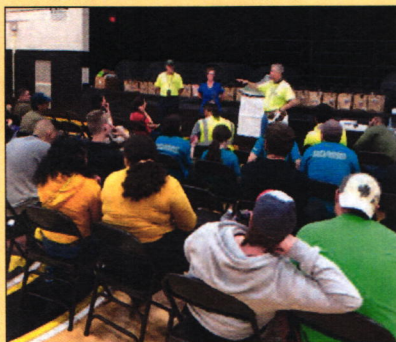
### Alsip's CERT Course

#### 20-Hour Basic Community Emergency Response Team Class

Congratulations to the Alsip CERT Class #2 graduates. The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) 20 Hour Basic Course began on Wednesday, May 1, 2019. The final disaster scenario and graduation took place on Saturday, June 15, 2019.

Next year's Alsip CERT Class #3 course begins on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Those interested in receiving

further information or registering for the course should contact Charles Geraci, Department of Emergency Preparedness Director for the Village of Alsip. The director can be reached by phone 708-254-2900 or email [cgeraci@villageofalsip.org](mailto:cgeraci@villageofalsip.org). Class size is limited to 30 students.



# 7th ANNUAL HOLIDAY

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6th, 2008

This year's theme is  
*Toy Story!*  
Please come out for this  
*Free Magical*  
*hometown event.*

HOLIDAY ON PULASKI



FRIDAY, DEC 6th

5:30 - 9:00

## How you can help make "Holiday on Pulaski" Successful

In order to ensure the success of this cherished, fun and free event for our community, we are seeking donations to help offset the costs associated with the event.

Generous donors like you are the key to our success and make it possible for our community to enjoy this Family Holiday event that our residents have come to love and look forward to each year. Should you decide to make a donation, your name or company will be listed in our event program, as well as on the Village of Alsip website.

Any donation amount would be greatly appreciated. If you would like for us to pick up a donation we would be more than happy to do that. Please make donation checks out to the Village of Alsip. The checks can also be dropped off or mailed to the Village Hall at 4500 W. 123rd Street, Alsip, IL 60803. Please make sure to make it attention Becky Smith, Holiday on Pulaski.

Some of the events we have planned so far that are in need of sponsorship are below:

Synthetic Ice Rink	\$2,500.00
Characters (3)	\$ 875.00
Santa Mail Box and letters Delivered	\$ 570.00
Horse and Sleigh Rides	\$ 1,900.00
Funny Little People	\$ 350.00
Traveling World of Reptiles	\$ 300.00
Ice Sculptures	\$ 1,200.00

Thank you in advance for your generosity, and if you sponsor any of the above events please be sure to email your logo so we can place a sponsorship sign by the event. If you have, any questions please feel free to call me at 708-385-6902 x 317 or email [Bsmith@villageofalsip.org](mailto:Bsmith@villageofalsip.org).

Sincerely,

*Becky Smith,*  
Assistant to Mayor Ryan

# 1 DAY ON PULASKI

2019 - 5:30 PM to 9:00 PM



The Event starts out at Veterans Park with the Tree Lighting and singers. Afterwards, there are plenty of fun things for the whole family.

- *Craft tent for kids • Letters To Santa*
- *Exotic Animal Show • Horse and Carriage Rides*
- *Craft Vendors and much, much, more.*

## ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS!

*Welcome shoppers by:*

- Decorating your store fronts/windows*
- Playing Christmas music outside your store*
- Offering coupons, refreshments & giveaways*

Businesses offering special events/refreshments in their store (who let us know by Friday, November 15) will be listed on our program map.

The map will be posted on:

The Village of Alsip and the Alsip Chamber of Commerce websites, at some of the planned attractions between 115th & 120th on Pulaski and at the Village Hall.

**CARRIAGE RIDES - TREE LIGHTING - HIGH SCHOOL BANDS & CHOIRS**  
**LITTLE PEOPLE - CARTOON CHARACTERS (WOODY, BUZZ & FORKY)**  
**TRACKLESS TRAIN - FIRE SAFETY HOUSE - MINI FIRE ENGINES**  
**PHOTO BOOTH - HEATED KIDS ACTIVITY TENT - ICE CARVINGS**  
**TRAVELING WORLD OF REPTILES - SYNTHETIC ICE SKATING RINK**

All may participate by providing 500 items (promotional items, coupons, candy) to be included in our giveaway goodie bags.

**Items must be received by:**

**Thursday, November 28, 2019**

**at the Alsip Village Hall at 4500 W. 123rd Street.**

Contact Alsip Chamber of Commerce at  
info@alsipchamber.org or 708-597-2668

by Friday, November 15, 2019 to discuss your participation.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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

# November 1, 2019 – May 1, 2020

November 2	Autumn Rummage Sale	Apollo Recreation Center	8:00am
November 2	Amish Brown Bag Tour	departs Apollo Recreation Center	10:00am
November 6	Turkey Shoot	Apollo Recreation Center	5:00pm
November 7	Ameristar Casino Trip	departs Apollo Recreation Center	9:00am
November 8	Lunch Bunch at Hofbrauhaus Chicago	departs Apollo Recreation Center	11:00am
November 12	Family Ornament Night	Apollo Recreation Center	5:30pm
November 14	Senior Safety	Apollo Recreation Center	11:00am
November 15	Turkey Bowling	Apollo Recreation Center	5:00pm
November 15-16	4th-6th Grade Lock-In	Apollo Recreation Center	7:00pm
November 19	Light up the Park	Apollo Recreation Center	6:30pm
November 20	Holiday Luncheon for Adults	Apollo Recreation Center	11:00am
November 27	Comedy Night	Fountain Hills Golf Club	8:00pm
December 2-13	Letters to Santa	Apollo Recreation Center	
December 2	Tree Lighting Village Hall	Village Hall	6:00pm
December 6	Holiday On Pulaski	115th-122nd Pulaski	5:30pm-9pm
December 7	Santa's Landing	Apollo Recreation Center	12:00pm
December 9	Women's Volleyball League begins	Apollo Recreation Center	6:30pm
December 11	Flashlight Candy Cane Hunt	Apollo Playground	6:00pm
December 12	Co-Rec Volleyball League begins	Apollo Recreation Center	6:30pm
December 13	Lunch Bunch at TTOWA Korean Bistro	departs Apollo Recreation Center	11:00am
December 14	Breakfast with Santa	Apollo Recreation Center	9:30am
December 15	Chicago Holiday Lights Trolley Tour	departs Apollo Recreation Center	4:00pm
December 16	Christmas House Decorating	Alsip Park District Boundaries	7:00pm
December 16	Youth Basketball League begins	Various Locations	Varies
December 17	Cookies with Mrs. Claus	Apollo Recreation Center	6:00pm
December 18	Holiday Luncheon for Adults	Apollo Recreation Center	11:00am
December 18	White Christmas Matinee	depart Apollo Recreation Center	10:45am
February 15	Frozen Daddy/Daughter Dance	Apollo Recreation Center	5:00pm
April 11	Egg Hunt	Commissioners Park	9:00am
April 11	Breakfast with the Bunny/Glow Hunt	Apollo Recreation Center	9:30am

### Village Event in Red



**Pre-registration and fees may apply for some programs and events. Please contact the Alsip Park District for further information at 708-389-1003 or [www.alsiparks.org](http://www.alsiparks.org)**



## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

### Public Works and Fire Department Joint Training



Mike Fraider  
Public Works

On June 18th, the Public Works Department performed their annual confined space training with instructors from the Fire Department. Firefighters Nick Strand, Matt McCarthy, and Chad Freitag first provide a review of the proper safety equipment required to enter a confined space including air monitoring to detect if dangerous gases are present.

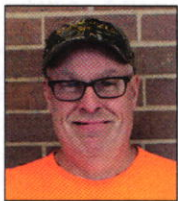
Public Works employees then practice entering a simulated confined space within the Fire Department training tower. The training benefits both departments by practicing safety procedures and being able to respond appropriately in the event of an emergency. This year, six different Public Works Departments from surrounding communities participated in our confined space training with the Fire Department. Alsip is one of only a few in the State of Illinois whose Public Works and Fire Department train together.

On September 16th, Public Works and Fire Department conducted their annual heavy equipment operator training. Firefighters are instructed by Public Works staff on the safety and operation of a front end-loader, backhoe, and skidsteer loader. This training is done in the event of a hazardous chemical spill that could require use of equipment to bring in materials for containment. Firefighters have the necessary protection to enter a hazardous area and having the operation of heavy equipment allows them to respond more efficiently in an emergency.



## BUILDING DEPARTMENT

### Alsip's Team of Inspectors



Brian Larmon  
Electrical Inspector

The Building Department would like to introduce you to our team of Inspectors. We have Electrical, Plumbing and Building Inspectors. They

are all part-time for the Village and we are lucky to have them!

Brian Larmon is our Electrical Inspector. He has been an Alsip resident for 34 years. He has been with the Building Department for 12 years and has 40 years of experience with IBEW Local 134. He does a great job for us and we are certainly lucky to have him.



Jimmy Smith  
Plumbing Inspector

Jimmy Smith is our Plumbing Inspector. He has been with us for 2 years now and you may have already seen him out and about. He has 46 years of

experience in the plumbing industry. He began as an Apprentice and then moved to Foreman, Superintendent, Estimator, Vice President and President. He was inducted into the Plumbing Hall of Fame by the Plumbing Council of Chicagoland in January 2018. He is one of only 25 members to be inducted. He was also a VP of the Plumbing Contractors Association.



Darrell Rita  
Building Inspector

Darrell Rita is our Building Inspector. You may have seen him around town already. He has been with us a little under a year and has been an Alsip resident for

17 years. He was a union carpenter with 45 years in home building. He knows anything and everything about building from the starting framing up to trimming. He has completed work at Google and Goodman's.

**If you need to schedule an inspection you will need to provide us with at least 24 hours notice.**



Before You Dig,  
Call Julie  
(800)  
892-0123



Know what's below.  
Call before you dig.

# KNOW THE RULES<sup>®</sup>

## Halloween Safety Tips

1. Instruct your older children to **TAKE FRIENDS** when "Trick or Treating."
2. Make sure a **TRUSTED ADULT**, an older child, or you accompany your younger children when "Trick or Treating." A trusted adult is a person parents/guardians have come to rely on and with whom they and their children feel comfortable. Discuss with your child who will accompany him or her and make sure you are both comfortable with the choice.
3. Accompany, or make sure a trusted adult accompanies, your younger children to the door of every home they approach. Become familiar with each home your child visits and the people who are providing Halloween treats to your children.
4. Teach your children to only enter homes with your prior permission and only approach homes that are well-lit both inside and outside.
5. Teach your children to **NEVER** approach a vehicle unless they are accompanied by you, even if it appears no one is inside the vehicle.
6. Make sure your children wear reflective clothing and carry a flashlight or glow stick when traveling during the evening hours.
7. Make sure your children are able to see and breathe properly and easily when using facial masks. All costumes and masks should be clearly marked as flame resistant.
8. Teach your children to always stay in well-lit areas, never take shortcuts, and never go into isolated areas.
9. Teach your children to stay alert for any suspicious incidents and report anything unusual to you and/or law enforcement.
10. Teach your children if anyone tries to grab them to draw attention to themselves and loudly yell "This person is trying to take me," or "This person is not my father/mother." Instruct your children to make every effort to escape by walking, running, or pulling away; yelling; kicking; attracting attention; and/or otherwise resisting.
11. Consider organizing or attending parties at home, in schools, or in community centers as a good alternative to "Trick or Treating."

**Have a safe and fun Halloween!**

**Alsip Park District  
Trick or Treat Hours  
3:30 pm - 7:30 pm**



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# Village of Alsip



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

- **BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE** (All year long)
- **HOLIDAY ON PULASKI** (First Friday in December)
- **VILLAGE WIDE CLEAN-UP DAY** (Around Arbor Day)
- **NATIONAL NIGHT OUT** (Police Department Night of Fun)
- **COP ON TOP** (Go out to assigned areas for donations for a cause)
- **LINK AND LEVERAGE -VILLAGE WIDE RECYCLING**  
(Promotes sustainability with surrounding communities to help with the environment such as trees, conserving water, reducing energy and recycling)

**If interested in Volunteering, please contact:**

Becky Smith,  
Administrative Assistant to Mayor John Ryan  
Administrative Assistant to Building Commissioner Rodger Early  
Village of Alsip • 4500 W 123rd St • Alsip IL 60803  
(708) 385-6902 Ex-317



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**Board /Committee Meetings**

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

**Village Hall Hours**

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

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

**Department Phone Directory**

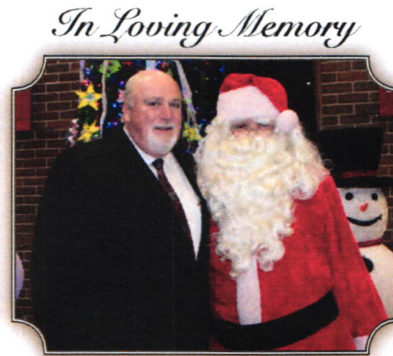
All departments of the Village can be reached by dialing **708-385-6902**, then add the extension of the department you wish to contact.

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

- Office of the Mayor . . . . . 317
- Office of the Village Clerk . . . . 319
- Office of the Treasurer . . . . . 331
- Non-Emergency
  - Fire House #1 . . . . . 233
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**Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:**

Thanksgiving Day	November 28th
Observant of Thanksgiving	November 29th
Christmas Eve	December 24th
Christmas Day	December 25th
New Year's Day	January 1st



*Bob Schneider,  
the Village Santa for over 13 years.*

**Holiday Happenings**

Please come out on **December 2nd at 6pm for the Annual Tree Lighting at the Village Hall** where we have the community Girl Scouts here to sing as a visit from Santa arrives to help Mayor Ryan light the tree.



FOR THE  
VILLAGE  
OF ALSIP

# TRICK OR TREAT

Thursday,  
October 31, 2019

John D. Ryan  
Mayor  
Susan M. Petzel  
Clerk and Collector



Trustees  
Richard S. Dalzell  
Michael Zielinski  
Monica M. Juarez  
Christine L. McLawhorn  
Christopher W. Murphy  
Catalina Nava-Esparza

## Residents:

**Please place this poster, reverse side out in a prominent window or front door, several days before Halloween. It will remind residents of the coming holiday and also identifies your home as participating in the program.**

OCTOBER, 2019

Dear Resident:

Halloween has long been a tradition which many of us remember from our childhood. It's a time when stories of witches, goblins and other fantasy creatures consume the attention of our young children. Likewise, it's a time when we "older kids" can reminisce about our own youth and remember when we donned costumes and knocked on that door for "Trick or Treats."

Unfortunately, the festive nature of Halloween, in recent years, is sometimes overshadowed by violence that threatens our children and homeowners alike.

Because of these rare, but nonetheless real situations, the Village Board has acted to establish certain guidelines to make for a **Safe 'N Sane Halloween** in Alsip. Please read and adhere to the Village policies and recommendations we have outlined below.

We encourage the youth of Alsip to celebrate the spirit of Halloween in a responsible and fun loving manner and ask that our participating adult citizens enjoy the creativity, ingenuity, and fantasy of our "Little Alsip Monsters." We believe Halloween is a worthwhile "children's" tradition that should be preserved as long as it serves the best interest of all involved.

We ask that you place the reverse side of this letter in a prominent window area of your residence during the Halloween season to serve as a reminder of our *need* for concern *and also* indicating that you are participating in a **Safe 'N Sane Halloween For Alsip in 2019**.

### **HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

Respectfully yours,

John D. Ryan  
Mayor

### **VILLAGE POLICIES:**

**Halloween is established as Thursday, October 31, 2019.**

**"Trick or treat" activities will be permitted only on Thursday, October 31 between the hours of 3:30 - 7:30 p.m. only.**

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARENTS:**

1. Dress children in light colored garments and give them flashlights to carry if they are out after dark.
2. Remind children about watching for traffic on streets, crossing only at corners.
3. Advise children not to eat any unwrapped candies and bring all fresh fruits, etc. home for inspection.
4. If children must walk on streets, ask them to walk facing the oncoming traffic. Do not walk down the middle of the street or in groups across the whole street.
5. Tell children not to accept rides from strangers.
6. Tell children never to enter a strangers home, wait outside for tricks or treats.
7. Adults driving during trick or treat hours should drive much slower than posted limits.