Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

These are not ordinary times as we manage our way through a pandemic unlike anything we've seen in our lifetimes. I hope you and your families remain safe and well. If you have lost someone to this virus, or know someone in your life is sick or suffering from the effects of this crisis, please know that you are in our thoughts.

We're in this together and we very much want to re-open closed businesses, start the graduations & birthday parties, start the little league and day camps and pools and vacations, etc, but most importantly we need to get everyone back to work, so they have the best opportunity to support themselves, as everyone is “Essential”. My priority is to protect people & property, maintain effective Village services and continue to attract and expand businesses during a pandemic, so I'm asking everyone to please be a great neighbor and help our senior citizens, or let me know who needs help.

The financial impact to our local businesses has been horrible, where owners were forced to fight with financial institutions and employees were denied paychecks to support their families and debts.

“I am personally asking all citizens to shop local now, more than ever before, to again demonstrate why WE need these small businesses in Alsip and show our appreciation.”

The Village of Alsip

For up to date information, check the Alsip website or Facebook page.
villageofalsip.org
The Village of Alsip

The 2020 Census is happening now.
You can respond online, by phone, or by mail.
Visit www.my2020census.gov for more information.
Let’s make sure every Alsip resident is counted! #AlsipCounts

2nd Annual Appreciation and Award Dinner
On January 22nd, we held our 2nd Annual Appreciation and Award Dinner at the Village Hall.

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LOCAL BUSINESS UPDATES

FIRST: Welcome Lynch Chicago
Thank you again for selecting Alsip to locate your business at 4300 W 123rd Street. This 8-acre parcel is now stocked with a very large selection of tow trucks and wreckers of all sizes, including a parts department. Lynch Chicago is one of the Midwest’s premier dealerships. Mike Lynch and Mike Mariner said they’re excited as well for our Village. In addition, their plans are hiring more employees which could double their current staff.

Moving to Alsip has allowed them to look at future plans that will include Instruction Classes to train people to become professional Tow Truck Operators. We wish your business well!

NEXT: “We see shovels in the ground”, where the Village of Alsip will witness a former self-service gas station and restaurant, be transformed into a new modern designed 4,000sqft 7-Eleven convenience store at 127th & Pulaski. They’re also pleased to have the opportunity to grow their business within Alsip, as a major part of their success is being able to offer express amenities including food & liquor items, gasoline and video gaming. All the Best!

PLUS: Coca-Cola just purchased and leveled 10-acres of wooded property for water retention and additional parking for expansion at their Alsip plant, where they’re building a 300,000 square foot warehouse that may reach 90 feet tall. We congratulate them on their success!

LASTLY: I met with the president of LB Steel in Harvey, IL and asked to pair him with a power-partner in Alsip, where he agreed to purchase a 16-acre parcel at 3350 W 131st Street, that was formally known as Blue Island Phenol chemical plant. 131st Street LLC plans to remediate the site per EPA compliance and build a facility to refurbish containers for both semi-trucks and rail car. Thank you!!

CENSUS UPDATE

If the people of Illinois are not counted during the upcoming 2020 Census, fewer resources will come to the state. The Village of Alsip Census 2020 Complete Count Committee (CCC) held meetings to strategize Census community engagement efforts for Alsip. Finance Director Kent Oliven showcased a vintage Census 2010 t-shirt and baseball cap to help committee members generate marketing ideas!

Alsip CCC members pictured left to right: Alsip Mayor John D. Ryan, Christian Perry (Cook County Commissioner Donna Miller – 5th District), Kent Oliven (Village of Alsip), Sarah Cottonaro (Alsip-Merrionate Park Library), Trustee Catalina Nava-Esparza (Village of Alsip), Mangrace Sinnott-Snooka (Alsip Chamber of Commerce), Marcel Bright (Congressman Bobby Rush – 1st District).
Update to Vehicle Sticker Sales

Due to the hardships to families attributed to Covid 19 and our office being closed to the public, Mayor Ryan requested Village Trustees to extend compliance for Village Vehicle Stickers. The vote was approved for the extension to August 1st. Everyone can still purchase stickers online, or through the mail by check.

The Mayor and Village Board agreed to discount Vehicle Stickers for One Active/Reserve Military or Veteran. Residents between the ages of 18 and 62, shall be permitted one vehicle license for a passenger vehicle or a Class B vehicle at a cost of $5.00. To be eligible for the exemption the applicant shall present a valid driver's license and proof for Active/Reserve using CAC cards. Veteran status can be determined using Department of Defense (DD-2 form for retirees) (DD 2765 form) for Privileged Veterans. Veterans have also been able to get an updated driver's license/ID card with the “VETERAN” under the signature on the front of the card, or (VIC) Veterans Identification Card is acceptable.

Also new this year, if you have previously purchased a discounted vehicle sticker as a senior or disabled resident, you can now mail your payment with the completed form or online by visiting www.villageofalsip.org and click on the top toolbar where it says “Pay Water/Vehicle Sticker”. You will no longer need to come to the Village Hall in person to get your vehicle sticker.

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

FROM THE MAYOR’S OFFICE - continued from front cover

Now, this public health crisis triggered a massive economic disruption, please know we'll need to make difficult decisions necessary for responsible spending. The reduction of revenues to the country, forced the State of Illinois' general revenue funds to be revised down $2.7 billion in 2020 and $4.6 billion in fiscal year 2021. This means Alsip’s budget will need to be reduced as well and the revised budget I’m submitting, will eliminate most new purchases for all Village services and a much-needed asphalt replacement for all Village properties. Alsip must reduce its spending and anticipate less revenues next year. The Board of Trustees will qualify and approve a reduced 2021 budget.

“We'll budget within our means, but we won't sacrifice or reduce your Village services.”

Lastly, please be optimistic and try to look forward to better times, as around the world, everything has changed. Everyone sympathizes with students/teachers who couldn’t finish the schoolyear, or participate in proms, or graduation ceremonies, soon friends & family will acknowledge your accomplishments. Travel, birthdays, bbq’s, sports, day camps, band, dance, social events and even sitting down at your favorite restaurant or pub has been compromised, but we'll be ok and we'll remember what working together really meant, because we’re blessed to have great services and resources in Alsip. Please take care of yourself and look after each other, especially the senior citizens, as many people are very proud and won’t ask for help, so volunteer it, as you know to do what's right in your heart.

Please call my office when you have a question, or a problem, because we work for you and we want you to have accurate information, not social media opinions (708) 385-6902 Ext 317.

Sincerely

Mayor, John D. Ryan
Village of Alsip

Clerk’s Office
Family Updates

Violet Regan
retired on December 1, 2019 after over 15 years of dedicated service to the Village of Alsip and its residents. Violet had extensive knowledge and was always willing to pitch in. We wish her a happy retirement.

Tiffany Litoborski welcomed a new baby boy named Jace on January 25, 2020. He was 8lbs 5oz and 21 ½” long! Jace joins his big sister Brooklyn and proud dad Josh. Welcome to the world, Jace!
A word from the Chief of Police

New Patch
Several members of the Police Department recently re-designed the department’s patch which had been in place for almost 50 years. The new patch includes the American flag as well as the Village flag.

Bike Patrols Coming Soon
Bike patrols will be used to patrol areas generally inaccessible to a patrol vehicle such as parks, bike paths, fests and sports complexes to enforce all ordinances and statues.

Val Emich
Promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant
Val Emich has given 18 years of dedicated service to residents of Alsip. She started in the patrol division in 2002. She became an Evidence Technician in 2005. A certified Juvenile Officer in 2006. A Traffic Accident Investigator since 2006. She was promoted to the rank of Sergeant in 2007. She has been an evidence custodian for the Department from 2008 to present. She is a Certified Crisis Intervention Team Officer and Supervisor of the Alsip Crisis Intervention Team. A member of the Illinois Association of Property & Evidence Managers from 2018 to present. She recently became a Certified ALICE instructor for active shooting incidents. She is currently developing and organizing policies and procedures for the Department’s Illinois Law Enforcement Accreditation Program.

Mike Dollear
Promoted from Detective to Sergeant
Mike Dollear was sworn as an officer in May 1999. Mike became a Detective and Juvenile Officer in January 2002. Throughout his 18 year career as a Detective, he has worked numerous crimes including crimes against person’s, financial crimes, homicides, exploitation of the elderly and identity thefts. Mike has been an Investigator and Supervisor for the South Suburban Major Crimes Task Force. He has been on the advisory board of the children’s advocacy center and a member of the CAIR (Child Abuse Investigative Resource) team which assists detectives throughout the Cook County 5th District on child sexual assault cases. Mike also maintained the sex offender and violent offender against youth registrations and has been a liaison for the Department of Children & Family Services. Mike has been an instructor with NEMRT teaching classes which include case review and sexual assault investigations.

Did you Know?
- A thief can steal valuables from your vehicle in less than 30 seconds.
- It takes less than 20 seconds for you to remove valuables.
- If you must leave valuable objects or packages in your vehicle, lock them in the trunk.
- A vehicle with an unlocked door or an open window is an easy target.

Lock It or Lose It
Keep your belongings safe.
Lock your car.
Don’t be a victim.

Have you registered for emergency alerts?
Have you created your safety profile for you and your loved ones? It can save your life!
Register for free at Smart911.com.

Follow the Alsip Police Department on Facebook
**Update from the Fire Department**

I am hoping when you are reading this article, we have returned to some normalcy after the Covid-19 pandemic. This virus is something that I'm sure none of us have ever experienced in our lives and hopefully won't experience again. This pandemic will change the course of our lives now and for the future. With that being said, we at the Alsip Fire department made numerous changes to our responses and how we protect our personnel. Our annual fire inspection program was put on hold for several months as well as our public-education programs. We are hoping that both of these programs will be up and running around June 1st.

We have 2 firefighters retiring this spring, FF/PM Rick Haehnlein who will be retiring in June and FF/PM Bill Patterson who will be retiring in May. Both firefighters will be retiring with 23 years of service to the Alsip Fire Dept. We wish both of them a healthy and long retirement.

We will also be hiring 2 new firefighters to replace them as well. They will be placed on days beginning May 4th and will be on shift during the last week of May. We welcome the new firefighters to our family.

Last year, October, we had the largest attendance yet for our annual Open House. We estimated over 600 people attended throughout the afternoon. We would like to thank everyone who came out and hopefully enjoyed the day. We will try to top it this year.

Follow the Alsip Fire Department on **facebook**

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**It's not too late to participate in the Hometown Hero Banner Program**

The Village of Alsip is 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.

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

Banners will be placed on Cicero and Pulaski Avenues by Memorial Day weekend. To order a banner for your Hometown Hero, fill out the application on the Village's website. Return the completed form, photo of the individual in uniform, and fee to the Village Hall.

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

**Questions?**

Contact the Alsip Chamber of Commerce at **708-597-2668**
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. IMG 2864,2874,2873

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.

2nd Annual Appreciation and Award Dinner

Mayor John Ryan presented the PRESIDENTIAL VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD to six of our members for their hours of service.

Overall, we had major accomplishments for the last 2 years:

- Training: 1028 hrs
- Events: 319.50 hrs
- Meetings: 42 hrs
- Assistance: 35.5 hrs
- **GRAND TOTAL**: 1,424 hrs

**Thank you, President Donald Trump, for the signed letters to each award recipient.**

“One of our Nation’s greatest strengths remains the compassion of our everyday citizens, who give so willingly of themselves and their lives for the benefit of others.”

— President Donald Trump

Thank you also to all the members that served this past year. Total hours served for 2019 – 974.50 hours! Thank you for your dedication and commitment to make a difference is our communities.

Our very own Presidential Volunteer Service Awards recipients:

- Laura Braden
- Angel Feliciano, Jr.
- John Gray
- Arthur Petzel
- Patty Ridings
- Tammy Rose

Back row - left to right: Mayor John Ryan, Chuck Geraci, Arthur Petzel. Front row - left to right: John Gray, Angel Feliciano, Jr., Laura Braden, Tammy Rose, Patty Ridings
Named Tree City 6 years in a row

The Alsip Public Works Department was awarded, for the 6th year, the Tree City USA Certification. The Tree City USA program is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public trees.

We also planted 40 trees within the Village parkways in the fall of 2019. This included an Arbor Day planting on October 25, 2019 at Alsip Great Lakes Coca Cola with staff and Chicago Regional Trees Initiative to enhance the campus and provide an example of the stewardship role businesses and residents play in maintaining this important natural resource.

Branch Pick-Up Schedule

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

FOR THE SAFETY OF OUR EMPLOYEES AND EQUIPMENT
THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT NOT TO PICK UP FOR THE FOLLOWING:
- Trees cut down by a professional tree service or contractor will not be picked up.
- Large tree trunks and large diameter stumps will not be picked up.
- Branches placed on parkway that contain debris of any sort will not be picked up.
- Branches not stacked neatly on parkway or meeting size requirements will not be picked up.
- Branches from condo associations, apartments, and businesses will not be picked up.

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

New Dump Truck

This past winter Public Works took delivery of a 2020 Freightliner dump truck with snowplow and anti-icing equipment. This new vehicle will allow Public Works to continue reliable and effective snow removal from Village streets and other operations to serve our community.

Street Sweeping Schedule

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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 day the sweeper is scheduled to clean your area. The sweeper will not return to sweep an area where a parked car has been moved.

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

NATIONAL PUBLIC WORKS WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2020

Village Hall Hours | M: 8am-8pm | T-F: 8am-4pm | Closed Saturday & Sunday | 708.385.6902
Future City Team

The Future City Competition is a national, project-based learning experience where middle school students imagine, design, and build a city of the future. This cross-curricular educational program integrates science, technology, engineering, art, math, and writing. In addition, the program teaches real-world skills such as team collaboration, research, and communication.

This year’s theme was “CLEAN WATER: Tap Into Tomorrow.” The theme challenged students to choose a threat to their future city’s water supply and design a resilient system to maintain a reliable supply of clean water.

Prairie’s 23-member Future City Team worked with Mr. Brubaker and Ms. Baskas to research, plan, design, and build a futuristic city that met the requirements of the challenge.

The all-day Regional Illinois (Chicago) Competition was held on January 18, 2020 at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The PJH Team received the “Best Virtual City” award, the “Peer” award, and achieved a 1st Place ranking. This accomplishment meant that the Team was headed to compete in the 2020 National Finals in Washington, D.C. on February 15th-18th.

At the 2020 Finals in DC, students presented their innovative city ideas and solutions to adult engineers and listened to business leaders who spoke about how contemporary inventions will shape lives in the future. The Prairie Future City Team placed 13th out of 43 participating teams! They were inspired by the real-world connections they experienced with adults working in their fields as well as other middle school students from all over the country; however, spending time with family/friends, eating, swimming, sightseeing, and making new friends was at the top of their list!!! Congratulations!
Hearts for Heroes

Village of Alsip Village Trustee Catalina Nava-Esparza discussed the importance of acknowledging all of our Front-line workers who are doing their best to help all the sick people who have tested positive and/or being treated for COVID-19.

Trustee Nava-Esparza suggested "Hearts for Heroes" for Alsip residents and businesses to show our love by honoring Police, Fire, Hospital personnel and especially Nursing Home Facilities personnel, as these professionally trained staff are doing everything possible to treat those who need their help most.

I'm using the word "personnel", because I want to include those who are responsible for the conditions in which the doctors and nurses work, because housekeeping at any time of the year can be difficult, but they are tasked with keeping our loved one's comfortable in clean hospitals and nursing or rehabilitation facilities, while we're denied access during this pandemic.

I'm asking everyone to decorate their front windows or doors to celebrate and honor Alsip's front-line workers for their dedication and to show that we love them, as many of these professionals are carrying psychological baggage that many of us don't know of. This disease affects everyone.

The "Hearts for Heroes" campaign can start now and I sincerely thank everyone for participating during this very difficult time.

Please show the love.

John D. Ryan, Alsip Mayor

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**VETERANS PLAZA**

Be a part of this lasting tribute to our veterans by purchasing a memorial brick along the Path of Honor in Veterans Plaza, 11801 S. Pulaski. It's a great way to show your respect and remember all veterans, past and present.

Each brick is $100.00, maximum of 3 lines.

Visit the Village website for more information and to find the order form. www.villageofalsip.org
Village of Alsip
A Great Place to Live!
Alsip Residents:
SIGN UP AND BE COUNTED!

Online, phone and mailed self-responses continue throughout the data collection process. March 12 – October 31, 2020. It's about $675 billion. The distribution of more than $675 billion in federal funds, grants, and support to states, counties, and communities are based on census data. That money is spent on schools, hospitals, roads, public works, and other vital programs.

It's about redistricting.

After each decade's census, state officials redraw the boundaries of the congressional and state legislative districts in their states to account for population shifts. Taking part is your civic duty.

Completing the census is mandatory: it's a way to participate in our democracy and say "I COUNT!"

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, Ext. 317
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:
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Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:
Memorial Day May 25
Independence Day July 5
Labor Day September 7
Thanksgiving November 26 & 27
Christmas Eve December 24
Christmas Day December 25

Local Postal Customer

The Village of Alsip would like to thank the countless organizations, businesses and residences who have given generously to our first responders and essential village employees, by donating hand sanitizer, disinfectant wipes, gloves, masks, respirators, gift cards, snacks and dinners/lunch meals.

This has been a historic time for all of us and without the support of this community; we could not do what we do.

The equipment and supplies will be used by the Fire Department, Police Department, Public Works, Water Department, Village Hall Employees and the Heritage complexes.

Thank you all for your generosity!