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TUESDAY, NOV. 3





FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE



John D. Ryan Mayor

Hello Village of Alsip Residents & Businesses,

I hope your family is well. One of my primary responsibilities is to keep finding ways to reduce costs, while keeping the Village finances healthy. Please see the following brief examples of what the Village is doing to save money, while never diminishing services. This newsletter doesn't offer enough space to recognize all of our great department heads, but please note these highlights:

Water Commissioner Dan Tryban used a Safety Grant, purchased trenching equipment, and trained personnel to repair water main breaks, saving money by reducing subcontracting.

Police Chief Jay Miller and his command staff did an outstanding job of identifying and reducing spending during a pandemic, from \$5.9 million last year to \$5.6 million this year.

"One of my primary responsibilities is to keep finding ways to reduce costs, while keeping the Village finances healthy"

Public Works Supt. Mike Fraider identified a portable asphalt unit to make smaller street repairs and helped to secure a \$260,000 green infrastructure grant to be used at the Boat Launch.

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Susan M. Petzel

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FROM THE MAYOR'S OFFICE - continued from front cover

Fire Chief Tom Styczynski has our eye on possibly purchasing a mini-pumper squad next year that will serve the community well, and reduce the costs of maintenance on the large trucks. Fire reduced spending from \$4.6 million to \$4.3 million.

Building Commissioner Rodger Early is assisting me at every meeting to attract and retain business, as we're facilitating millions of dollars of investments which benefit the Village, the Park district, the Schools and the Library and we're blessed to have these job opportunities in the Village of Alsip.

2020 hasn't been a good year for any of us, but please know I'm making many recommendations to offset debt obligations for public safety pensions, where the Trustees agreed to adjust Telecommunication fees to the provider of services (\$240,000) and to adjust gasoline tax (\$650,000), these recommendations won't affect property taxes. I've also recommended a reduction in spending by over \$2.4 million dollars and

"We've reduced our spending to live within our means, just as you do when finances are tight"

the Board agreed, as we approved our budget in July but had no idea of what revenues to expect until after property taxes are paid in October, so "We've reduced our spending to live within our means, just as you do when finances are tight

Sincerely



Mayor, John D. Ryan Village of Alsip



Thank You

Big thanks to my administrative assistant Becky Smith who coordinated the recent Fall Mum Flower Program and the Clean-up, Shred & E-waste Disposal Day on October 3rd. We took in 8,138 lbs of E-waste and 8 large garbage totes of paper.

We also want to acknowledge the co-sponsors at both the Alsip-Merrionette Park Library & Alsip Chamber of Commerce. The volunteers were awesome from Alsip CERT, Salem Baptist Church, Village Trustees, APD CSO Flores, the residents & especially Anastasia and her daughters.



Voting Information



Susan Petze Clerk

Heading toward the November 3, 2020 Election Day, we wanted the Alsip residents to be made aware that Village Hall will **not** be an early voting location. The Board came to this decision with respect to keeping the residents and Village Hall staff safe by limiting the traffic in the building.

Early voting will take place from October 19th through November 2nd. There are numerous early voting sites, some local sites are listed on the back cover. Residents may visit the Cook County Clerk's Office website at www.cookcountyclerk.com/service/early-voting-locations. You can review locations, dates and hours.

If you would like to vote by mail, you can download an application at www.cookcountyclerk.com/agency/vote-mail. Simply follow the directions under "Download a Mail Ballot Application". Versions are available in English, Spanish, Arabic to name a few.

Drop boxes for mail in ballots can be located by visiting www.cookcountyclerk.com/sites/default/files/pdfs/Mail%20 Ballot%20Drop%20Box%20Locations 2.pdf. The closest drop boxes to Alsip are located in Crestwood at Andrew Biela Senior Citizen Center, 4545 Midlothian Turnpike, Crestwood, IL 60445 beginning October 19, 2020. Or in Oak Lawn at Oak Lawn Village Hall, 9446 S. Raymond Avenue, Oak Lawn, IL, 60453 beginning October 19, 2020.

The Clerks office family hopes this newsletter finds our residents safe and healthy.



A word from the Chief of Police



Jay Miller Police Chief

Officer Receives Lifesaving Award

Officer Delaney received a Lifesaving Award from Chief Miller for the action he took to help a family during his overnight patrol June 30. At about 3:30 a.m., Officer Delaney heard someone shouting in the 11800 block of Springfield Ave. He drove toward the area and discovered a frantic man outside yelling that his baby

was not breathing. Officer Delaney notified dispatch of his location and entered the man's home to render aid.

The mother handed Officer Delaney her limp 4-month-old child. He recognized the baby was in respiratory distress with a faint pulse and immediately administered several back blows to free up any possible airway obstruction. The

infant then vomited, cried, and coughed, continuing to show signs of improvement. Officer Delaney stayed with the family until the Garden Homes Fire Protection District arrived to take over care.



K9 Knox Receives Body Armor

Alsip Police Department's K9 Knox has received a bullet and stab protective vest thanks to a charitable donation from non-profit organization Vested Interest in K9s.

K9 Knox's vest was sponsored by Christine Scalise of Capri Glass in Corapolis, PA and embroidered with the sentiment "Honoring those who served and sacrificed."





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

US Postal Service – Issues With Mail Delivery

The Village phones are lit-up daily, with furious complaints about the lack of mail being delivered. Mayor Ryan's office is taking calls from residents whose medicine wasn't delivered, or bills that weren't processed on-time, leaving the recipient with late fees, etc.

Mayor Ryan issued a letter to Congressman Bobby Rush's office, to offer criticism and formally request a resolve, where his office advocates on behalf of everyone affected by an overwhelmed USPS system, to either establish a satellite post office within the Village of Alsip, or re-assign the duties of delivery to another local branch office, as the existing conditions are unacceptable and constituents are demanding action now.

This is a Federal Government issue and unfortunately the Mayor can't intervene, however, we are supportive of the residents who wish to submit letters to our federal representative as well and voice your complaints, as Congressman Rush is aware of the problem, but "WE" need a solution!

Louis DeJoy, Postmaster General and Chief Executive Officer

Postmaster General, U.S. Postal Service 475 L'Enfant Plaza, SW Washington, DC 20260-0010 1-800-275-8777

Bobby Rush, Congressman Chicago District Office

11750 South Western Avenue, Chicago, IL 60643-4732 Phone: (773) 779-2400 • Fax: (773) 779-2401 Hours: Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m., CT

USPS-Customer Care Center

Connect with our customer service representatives to help resolve your issue and get back on track.

Email: USPS® Customer Service

Phone: 1-800-ASK-USPS® (1-800-275-8777) Hours: Monday – Friday 8 AM – 8:30 PM ET

Saturday 8 AM - 6 PM ET

For more details and a full list of TTY services,

go to Federal Relay TTY.

Update from the Fire Department



Thomas Styczynski Fire Chief

As you are reading this we are still dealing and battling with Covid-19 that began last winter. This virus has had a definite impact on every aspect of our lives and will continue to do so for a while. We have had to make some significant changes at the fire department over the past few months to protect our firefighters, their families

and the people we serve. For any of you that have used our ambulance service, you have seen that firsthand. Our paramedics take extra precautions and add different types of protective equipment measures depending on the nature of the call. Unfortunately, we have had to stop allowing family members to ride with to the hospital and all of our patients are required to wear face masks while in the ambulance.

In the late spring we had 2 firefighters retire as reported in the spring edition of the newsletter. Since then we have had two new additions to the Alsip Fire Department's family, Firefighter/ Paramedic Patrick Fitzgibbons and Tom Touhy. At the time of this writing, we are also processing another

person to fill a vacancy. We are anticipating him beginning on days October 19th for 2 ½ weeks of training before he is placed on shift. Kyle Galvan and Laura Memmesheimer also completed their probation

in May. We congratulate

both of them



Laura Memmesheimer



Kyle Galvan

The Alsip Fire Department also placed a new piece of equipment in service for cardiac arrest patients. It is called an Auto-pulse. It is a machine that provided CPR replacing manual CPR by a human. This allows constant CPR even while moving a patient to the ambulance and

it very effective. It provides a better chance of survival to the patient and also frees up one of our medics to perform other duties needed. As of date, the Alsip Fire Department has had 3 saves since they were put in service. Early CPR is still the best chance of survival, and we encourage all residents and businesses to take advantage of our CPR classes.

The Fire Department's Fire Prevention Bureau did return to its annual inspection program around June 1st. The program provides annual life safety inspections to all businesses (approximately 850) and most apartment buildings (depending on the number of units)(450 buildings).

Our biggest challenge is public education programs. We did return to some classes such as CPR and fire extinguisher training, but on a limited basis. As the time of printing we will have moved away from our traditional open house for 2020 to a reverse drive-by to distribute our fire prevention and public education materials. We felt this is the safest way to get our word out. We also produced several videos on fire safety including our annual side by side demonstration with some added information. The department is still working on a program for home inspections. Covid has slowed this down, but the program is still being developed.

Even though Covid had changed our dynamics of our world and has limited us our firefighters are still hard at training to provide the best service possible. We have been very fortunate to use the former EDCA and Ed's Lawnmower buildings for training. These buildings provide invaluable opportunities for training. Additional training included our acting officer training program which is a 40 hour course for any firefighter who acts up as a company officer while on shift.

The Alsip Fire Department will continue to strive to provide the best possible EMS, Fire and Rescue services to all of our residents and businesses. Our Firefighter/ Paramedics are highly trained, dedicated and committed folks.









Seasonal Reminders from Public Works Department



Mike Fraider **Public Works**

Autumn Leaves

Please do not rake your leaves into street, this can block up storm sewers and lead to flooding in streets and parkways. Please place leaves in a brown paper yard-waste bag or place them in a trash can marked as yard waste. These items will be picked-up on garbage collection day.

Winter Snow Plow Parking Restrictions

Residents are asked to promptly remove vehicles from village streets at the start of a snow fall. Vehicles are subject to ticketing and towing after a 1" accumulation on marked primary routes and 3" on secondary routes (secondary routes are not marked).

Also, please do not push snow back onto the street as it is unlawful to do so after the street has been plowed. Some snow will overflow onto driveways and sidewalks as part of the plowing process; your understanding of this matter is appreciated.

Welcome!

We would like to welcome Sam Petzel to the Water Department. You can't miss him at 6' 9" tall and he always has a smile on his face! You may think he looks familiar as he was former Community Service Officer for the Village of Alsip. He is an animal lover and in his free time likes to take things apart and put them back together. If you see him out and about in the trucks or maybe fixing a water main break be sure to welcome him and say hello!



Sam Petzel

Snow Removal Suggestions

An unavoidable result of plowing roadways is that some snow will spill off from the plow blade into driveways. The Alsip Public Works understands how frustrating this can be, especially when residents have already cleared the ends of their drives. The department suggests waiting until the plow trucks have made their final pass along the curb line before shoveling. Information pertaining to the plow driver's status in your area can be obtained by contacting the Alsip Public Works at 708-385-6902 x364 during normal business hours (8am - 4:30pm).

If you cannot wait for the plow truck to make its final pass, the following suggestions are offered as a way to reduce the amount of snow overflowing onto the end ofyour drive:

- Shovel snow at the end of your driveway onto the parkway to the right (when facing the street). This will help to reduce the amount of snow deposited as the plow truck passes by.
- Clear a portion of the roadway directly to the left of your drive (when facing the street). This will also help to reduce the amount of snow deposited as the plow truck passes by.
- Not depositing snow from your driveway into the roadway will also help to reduce the amount of snow that could be plowed onto your drive.





Asphalt Trailer

Alsip Public Works recently took delivery of a new trailer mounted Pre-mix Heater Asphalt Hot Box. This equipment will assist Public Works crews to repair potholes more effectively and efficiently. The heated asphalt material comes out hot, making it easier for staff to work with and bonds to street for a more permanent repair.



Update from our local CERT Team

CERT Team Helped Out After Storm

Thank you to our Alsip CERT for directing traffic at 115th Cicero Ave, when they were out due to the storms.



Harvey - MARC Efforts

In August, members of our ALSIP CERT team served a grand total of 43 hrs at the MARC (Multi Agency Resource Center) disaster relief efforts in Harvey.

This program was put together by The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and Cook County Emergency Management and Regional Security.

"Chuck, Thank you for all your help. Your team was flexible, professional and great to work with. Thank you for coordinating the help on such short notice. We wouldn't have been able to make the MARC happen if it wasn't for all the CERT volunteers!" Kimberly Nowicki, MScTRM, IPEM, Regional Planner | COVID-19 Housing Branch Deputy Chief, Cook County

Department of Emergency Management & Regional Security.











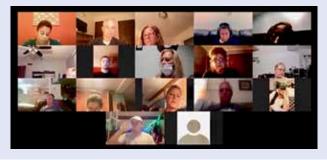
CERT Training Classes

Joining training efforts with New Lenox CERT team for a refresher about fire safety, hazards, and utility controls

Shoutout to Patrick Hardin, MABAS, USAR Operations Branch Chief, for a great presentation. Chief Hardin also brought out an exceptional vehicle that can serve as a field operating room.

Alsip CERT Class In Session

Our Alsip Cert Class #3 is now in progress! Even though the pandemic restriction delayed our class for a month, we are now in full force. This year our class had a combination of virtual classes, Zoom meetings and in-person training.



In-Person Training

CERT members play a very important role during fire and utility-related emergencies.

During this class, our team practiced the skills needed to reduce or eliminate fire and utility hazards:

- Using a fire extinguisher early can save lives. Knowing how to use an extinguisher is vital...
 Fire safety is key!
- •We learned how to respond to electrical emergencies and how to properly shut off utilities (circuit breaker box - gas meter)

Many thanks to Kyle Coleman from Reliable Fire Equipment for the awesome training and for hosting our team in their facility.







Thank You To the follow

To the following businesses for investing and expanding their businesses in Alsip!



7-11 at 127th Pulaski



Jenin Truck Service Repair



Anixter



Quality Pressure Wash



Central Contractors



Impel Union



Louie Tire Service



My Kidz Play



Laura's Wine Bar



Deuce's Sports Bar



Harold's Chicken



Health On Earth Wellness





Frequently Asked Snow Questions

As an ongoing effort to provide the best possible snow removal service to its residents, the Alsip Public Works offers answers to these most commonly asked questions.

Q: Why does it take so long to remove snow from our streets?

A: We are proud that the response time to clear Village streets on an average snowfall of four to six inches only takes about 12 hours. Heavy wet snows, harsh plowing winds, sub-zero temperatures and vehicle traffic may complicate snow removal efforts and cause delay. We utilize all of the equipment and manpower available but must also maintain the many other Village services we provide.

Q: Why do I always see snow plows on other streets before mine is done?

A: Arterial and collector streets in the Village carry higher volumes of traffic. The chances of accidents are greater and these streets demand our first attention. Also, it is important for us to maintain a consistent pattern as our manpower and equipment resources dictate following a specific plan. In order to cover all areas of the Village as efficiently as possible, this consistency is necessary to evaluate and update our snow program for future storms.

Q: Why is there a difference in the snow removal efforts on certain streets?

A: Some streets, such as 127th Street and Cicero Avenue, are maintained by the State of Illinois. Other streets may be maintained by the Cook County Highway Department, Worth Township or the management company of your private drive. Any questions pertaining to road jurisdiction should be directed to the Public Works Department.

Q: Why does it seem that the snow plows arrive just after I finish shoveling my driveway?

A: This question is probably one of the most commonly asked questions by our residents. Unfortunately there is no easy answer to resolves this situation unless the

homeowner waits until snow plows have made their final passes along the curb line- usually their forth pass down a street. Standard operating procedure requires the snow plow route driver to open the center of the road first. If you can not wait until the driver returns for the curb line, you may have to remove some snow from the end of the driveway. On average, it takes about five hours before a driver can return to do the curb line.

Q: Why was my car plowed in?

A: Village ordinance prohibits parking on Village streets during snow cleanup operations. Our drivers will not avoid plowing streets with illegally parked vehicles. These vehicles risk not only being ticketed and towed, but also being plowed in. Illegally parked vehicles are the number one handicap cited by our snow plow drivers. They create a hazard and reduce the effectiveness of our program.

Q: How can I help and what are my responsibilities as an Alsip homeowner?

A: Your patience and cooperation are the most important factors in helping us do our job of snow removal for you. Please do not push snow from driveways and sidewalks back into the street as it is illegal to place any substance-such as snow, ice or dirt- upon the public way or public right-a-way. Please promptly remove vehicles from Village streets at the start of a snow fall. Illegally parked vehicles delay snow removal operations and are subject to ticketing and towing. Keep the area leading to your mailbox clear of snow and place garbage cans behind the curb on garbage collection day. If you have a fire hydrant in front of your home, please help to keep it visible. Report hydrants hidden by snow. Your cooperation with these requests will greatly reduce complications and is appreciated.



Recyclables and Hazardous Waste

The following is a list of locations that will accept your recyclables and hazardous waste:

Batteries and CFL Light Bulbs:

Home Depot | 12000 S Cicero, Alsip | 708-239-1873

Batteries and Scrap Metal:

American Scrap Metal | 3837 W. 127th St, Alsip | 708-377-2237

Electronic Recycling (E-Waste):

Illinois Recycling Services | www.lllinoisrecyclingsevices.com | 708-314-8624 Call or go online for pickup service & if any charge

Best Buy | 4925 W Cal Sag Rd, Crestwood | 708-396-0133 TV's up to 32" \$25 fee to e-cycle | call to verify

Computer Geeks 12222 S Harlem Ave, Palos Heights | 708-636-3473 TV's up to 23" \$30 fee / 24" to 27" \$40 fee | call to verify

AVA Recycling | PU any TV's over 27" | 847-397-2900 | call to verify fee

IL EPA | www.epadata.epa.state.il.us/land/eWaste/collection-sites.asp

Illegal dumping of waste into waterways or sewers or complaints of water pollution please call MWRD at 800-332-3867 or 800-332-DUMP

Household Hazardous Waste:

IL Environmental Protection Agency | www.epa.state.il.us/land/citizen-involvement/recycling | 217-782-2829

Paint: Latex Paint drop off charge: \$2 qrt | \$3.50 1 gal | \$5.50 2 gal | \$10 5 gal Oil Paint drop off charge: \$5.50 qrt | \$10 1 gal | \$25 5 gal (Updated March 2017)

DeJay's Ace Hardware | 9642 S Roberts Rd, Hickory Hills 708-233-2222

Park Ace Hardware | 16725 S Oak Pk, Tinley Pk 708-429-2770

Park Ace Hardware | 9545 W 167th St, Orland Hills 708-460-8140

Residents are encouraged to use up paint or use an absorbent such as kitty litter to dry up any unwanted paint. Once dry dispose of in regular waste receptacle.

Pharmaceuticals:

Alsip Police Department | drop off box 4500 W 123rd St

Thermometers:

IL Environmental Protection Agency | www.epa.state.il.us/land/citizen-involvement/recycling | 217-782-2829

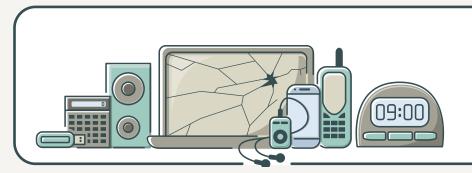
Used Oil /Filters: Accept up to 5 gallons of oil per customer & oil filters

Auto Zone | 12115 S Pulaski Rd, Alsip 708-824-1538

O'Reilly Auto Parts | 3305 W 115th St, Merrionette Pk 708-489-0108

White Goods (Appliances): Call for special pickup

Republic Services | 13701 South Kostner Avenue, Crestwood | 708-385-8252





For a complete list of accepted Electronic Recycling (E-Waste), check Republic Services website: www.republicservices.com



4500West I23rdStreet

Alsip, Illinois 60803-2599

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Local Postal Customer

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
Building Department	.335
Building Commissioner	328
Civil Defense	244
Environmental Health	336
Fire Chief	.235
Police Chief	243
Public Works	364
Water Department	.327
Water Commissioner	.325

Alsip Village Hall will be closed the following holidays:

Thanksgiving Day November 26
Day after Thanksgiving November 27
Christmas Eve December 24
Christmas Day December 25
New Years Day January 1

NOVEMBER 3, 2020 PRESIDENTIAL GENERAL ELECTION



EARLY VOTING BEGINS OCTOBER 19

Early Voting locations listed below are for Suburban Cook County voters only:

Calumet Township Community Center

12633 S. Ashland Ave. Calumet Park, IL 60827 Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7pm Saturday-Sunday: 9am-5pm

Crestwood - Andrew Biela Senior Citizen Center

4545 Midlothian Tpke., Crestwood, IL 60445 Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7

Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7pm Saturday-Sunday: 9am-5pm

Oak Lawn Village Hall

9446 S. Raymond Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7pm
Saturday-Sunday: 9am-5pm

Palos Heights Recreation Center

6601 W. 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463
Monday-Friday: 8:30am-7pm
Saturday-Sunday: 9am-5pm

VOTE BY MAIL

phone: 312-603-0944 | fax: 312-603-9784 | email: Mail.Voting@cookcountyil.gov

VOTING ACCESSIBILITY AND ASSISTANCE

phone: 312-603-0987 | email: | website: Accessibility.Info@cookcountyil.gov