



Mayor's Letter

Dear Residents,

I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year! Many things of note have happened during the fall and early winter months.

I want to thank those local businesses who helped sponsor the 2nd annual Oktoberfest held this past September 25th. The day was beautiful and we were glad local children joined us for the kid's Oktoberfest. Special thanks to **Phil Salerno of Family Foods** for preparing and serving some of the most delicious German food I have eaten.

On October 5th, the Waste Transfer Station public hearings concluded. It was a long 30-day period and the Village Board and I are grateful for the participation of residents who attended the hearings or submitted public comments. Your comments were read and considered in making our decision. I also am grateful to Glenbard North H.S. allowing the Village to use their cafeteria for the hearings.

This fall, two scout troops visited the Village Hall to present colors before a Board meeting. Scouts from, **Webelos Pack 189** presented the colors on October



18th while scouts from **Webelos Pack 401** did so on November 15th. The display of patriotism shown by these young scouts was inspiring.



Our annual Holiday Tree Lighting was held on November 26th and thanks to the generosity of **Paul Schnell** of Jewel Food Store, **Nicole Lanute** from Fannie May Candy for their donations and **John Marciniak** and the Fire Protection District staff from station #3 for their support of this community event.

This year's Christmas Sharing program was a wonderful success thanks to those of you who generously donated your time, talent and financial support. Special thanks to **Paul Cotton** and the staff of **Cotton Ford**, **Pastor Eric Dawson** and the staff of **Lutheran Church of the Master** for their generosity in opening their facilities for this annual



event. I also want to thank to countless resident volunteers who made a donation or spent time wrapping gifts, transporting food, clothing and toys to the distribution sites.

As we begin the new year, please remember to pray for the **men and woman of our Armed Services** who begin their new year in a war zone trying to bring peace and stability to many foreign nations like Iraq and Afghanistan and continued security to our country. What a difficult mission they have and they need all of our support. You may communicate your support online at www.defendamerica.mil/nmam.html and thank them for the heroic sacrifices they are making for our country and the world at large.

Sincerely,

Ross Ferraro

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Information from our Police and Fire Departments



A Partnership in DUI Enforcement

Since 1997, the motoring public has assisted our Police Department in making 106 DUI arrests in the community that resulted in convictions and the awarding of \$10,600 in award money. The local Drunkbuster Program pays motorists a \$100 award for their help in identifying the license plate, vehicle description and direction of travel of a suspected drunk driver that leads to their being stopped and convicted. To be eligible for a Drunkbuster award:

1. Dial 9-1-1 to report the color, make and model of the vehicle as well as its location and direction of travel of a suspected drunk driver;
2. Provide the dispatcher with your name, address and home and work phone numbers;
3. Local Police successfully locate, observe and stop the drunk driver when probable cause exists;
4. If an arrest is made, the citizen is then nominated for a \$100 Drunkbuster award;
5. An individual is eligible to receive up to 5- \$100 awards a year.

Visual Cues that may positively identify a suspected drunk driver are:

- ❖ **Turning with wide radius; Straddling center or lane marker;**
- ❖ **Appearing to be drunk; Almost striking object or vehicle; Weaving;**
- ❖ **Driving on other than designated roadway; Swerving;**
- ❖ **Slow speed (10 mph + below the limit); Stopping without cause in a traffic lane;**
- ❖ **Following too closely; Drifting;**
- ❖ **Tires on the center lane; or Driving into opposing or crossing traffic; braking erratically;**
- ❖ **Signaling inconsistent with driving actions; Slow response to traffic signals;**
- ❖ **Stopping inappropriately (other than in lane); Turning abruptly or illegally;**
- ❖ **Accelerating or decelerating rapidly; Driving with the headlights off.**

For questions on the Drunkbuster program, phone Traffic Sergeant John Glos at (630) 871-6226.

Yield to Emergency Vehicles - It's the Law!

Scott's Law, was named after Chicago firefighter Lt. Scott Gillen, who was struck and killed by a vehicle on December 23, 2000 after responding to a traffic accident fines motorists who fail to yield to emergency vehicles or cause accidents or injury to public safety or service personnel at roadside emergency scenes. Violators can be fined up to \$10,000 and have their driver's license suspended for up to 2 years. The Police Department and Fire Protection Dist. advises motorists approaching an emergency vehicle with its lights activated to:

- * Slow down and proceed with caution;
- * Yield the right-a-way by changing into a lane not immediately adjacent to the emergency vehicle, if safe to do so, or reduce speed and proceed with caution if changing lanes would be impossible or unsafe;
- * Be prepared to pull over to the right-hand side of the roadway and stop;
- * Be vigilant of the movement of emergency personnel and equipment.

For questions about Scott's Law or any other traffic related issue, contact Traffic Sergeant John Glos at 871-6226 or by e-mail at jglos@carolstream.org .

Clear Snow from Fire Lanes, Exit Doors, & Around Fire Hydrants

The Carol Stream Fire Protection District reminds residents and businesses to clear the snow from around the fire hydrants near your home to save precious time should a fire occur at your home or business or that of a neighbor. Business owners are also asked to clear snow from around exit doors and fire lanes. For more information on wintertime fire safety, visit the District's on the web at www.carolstreamfire.org.

Open Enrollment Underway for the Citizen Police Academy

A 12-week Citizen Police Academy beginning Wednesday, Jan. 19th through April 6th will include law enforcement sections on Investigations, Crime Scene Processing, Drug Awareness, DUI Enforcement, Use of Force, Social Services, Dispatching, Firearm Safety, Traffic Stops and a Ride along with Patrol. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evening at the Municipal Center from 6:30 - 9:30 pm Residents or those who work in Carol Stream may enroll by phoning Sgt. Dan Hoffman at 871-6218 or by e-mail at dhoffman@carolstream.org.



Village Receives Award for Excellence in Budgeting

The Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) has awarded the Village **its 17th consecutive Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** for its annual Budget and 3-Year Financial Plan. The Village's 2004 budget met national standards for excellence as a policy document, a detailed spending plan and operations guide as well as a public information device. A certificate of recognition was awarded to **Stan Helgerson, the Village's Director of Finance**, who was responsible for coordinating the preparation of the 2004 budget. The success of the GFOA's "Distinguished Budget Presentation" program is that it encourages government finance officers and their staffs to adopt the highest standards in governmental budgeting and financial management.

District 93 & Park District to Host After School Program

Student Resource Centers at both Stratford and Jay Stream Middle Schools are open once again open to 6-8 grade students after school. Programming hours are as follows:

"The Hangout" @ Stratford Middle School 2:45 - 4:45 p.m.
"The Jay Zone" @ Jay Stream Middle School 2:45 - 4:30 p.m.

For a one-time fee of \$20 for the school year, students can hang out with their friends and classmates; enjoy snacks; do homework; play board games, video games and ping-pong; participate in a group activity; and much more. Buses are available to take kids home.

2005 Cancer Society Carol Stream "Relay for Life"

Glenbard North High School - 990 N. Kuhn Road, Carol Stream
Friday, June 10, 6:00 p.m. - Saturday, June 11, 7:00 a.m.

Mark your calendars for Friday & Saturday, June 10th and 11th and get a group of your friends or co-workers together as a Relay For Life team and join us for overnight fun, excitement, and an all-around good time. Teams of 8 -12 people take turns walking, running or just strolling around the high school track. You don't need to be a track star to be a winner in this Relay For Life. At Relay For Life, the idea is to have fun while raising money to fight cancer as well as providing research, education and services to cancer patients and their families. The Relay brings together friends, family, businesses, hospitals, and schools, churches. The team members then seek donations prior to the Relay from friends, relatives, employers, and associates, all with the goal of finding a cure for cancer! For more information, contact Mindi Phillips of the American Cancer Society at (630) 932-1141 or Chairperson Joan Moore at (630) 681-3231.

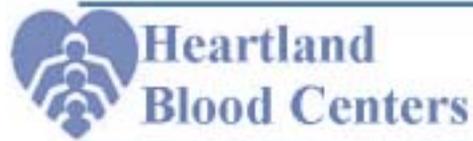
39th Citizen of the Year Banquet

Attend the 39th Annual Citizen of the Year banquet on **Saturday, February 12th** at the Carol Stream Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites (150 S. Gary Ave.). Tickets are \$30 each and table reservations can be made by phoning **Kelly Carbon at 529-0234** before January 26th. Visit www.citizenoftheyear.com for more information and a listing of 2004 citizen nominees.

Community Blood Drive

Sat., February 5th from 7 am - Noon
Our Savior Lutheran Church
1244 W. Army Trail Rd.

Residents and the general public can schedule individual appointments by phoning the Heartland Blood Center at 892-7055.



Change a Light & Change the World Campaign

Both the USEPA and Dept. of Energy have embarked on an energy saving campaign with significant environmental benefits by enticing American home and business owners to switch to lighting products with the **ENERGY STAR** label. Replacing the 5 highest use lights in the home with **ENERGY STAR**-qualified models will help the typical homeowner save more than \$60 a year in electricity costs. The most frequently used light fixtures are the kitchen overhead light, living room table and floor lamps, bathroom vanity and outdoor porch lights. If every American home would participate in this national campaign, the EPA estimates that \$3 billion a year in electricity costs would be saved and greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to 8 million cars would be reduced each year. Learn more about the Change a Light, Change the World Campaign by visiting www.energystar.gov or call 1-888-STAR-YES.



Need Help Paying Your Winter Home Heating Bills?

The Low-Income Home Energy Assistance (LIHEAP) program assists low-income households by offsetting the rising cost of home energy through direct financial assistance, energy counseling, outreach and education. An overdue bill or disconnect notice is not required to receive LIHEAP assistance once per year. Emergency assistance is available to eligible households whose utility service has been disconnected and for homeowners whose furnace is non-operational or determined unsafe to operate. Applications for this program are taken on an on going basis at:

DuPage County Human Service Dept.	- 421 County Farm Rd.	Wheaton	630-682-7000
Wayne Township	- 27W031North Ave.	West Chicago	630-231-7140
Bloomington Township	- 123 N. Rosedale Rd.	Bloomington	630-529-7715
Milton Township	- 1492 N. Main St.	Wheaton	630-668-1616

For information, phone the DuPage County's Energy Assistance Hotline at or 1-800-942-9412 or by email at liheap@dupageco.org.

Preventing Frozen Water Pipes

A period of sustained uninterrupted sub-zero temperatures will increase the length of the frost line to 6 ft., the approximate depth of a water service. When this situation occurs, home and business owners can take the following steps to prevent their water pipes from freezing.

In Early Winter

- * Insulate pipes that are most susceptible to freezing such as those in outer walls, attics and crawl spaces.
- * Wrap pipes with UL approved heat tape.
- * Seal any leaks that allow cold outside air into a pipe gallery.
- * Disconnect garden hoses and shut off and drain water from pipes leading to outside faucets.



When It's Bitter Cold

- * Let hot and cold water trickle from faucets located adjacent to an outer wall.
- * Open cabinet doors to allow heat to warm uninsulated pipes under a sink or an appliance near an outer wall.
- * Make sure the furnace thermostat is left on and never set below 55 degrees.
- * If you plan to be away, ask someone to check your home daily to make sure the furnace is sufficiently warming the home.

If Pipes Freeze

- * Make sure you and your family members know how to shut off your home's water service.
- * Call a plumber and your insurance agent to inspect whatever damage has occurred.
- * Never try to thaw a pipe with an open flame or torch.
- * Always be careful of the potential for electric shock when working in or around standing water.

Winter Heating Requirements in Effect September 15th - May 15th

65° degrees between 6:30 a.m. and 10:30 p.m.
60° degrees between 10:30 p.m. and 6:30 a.m.

In addition to heating requirements for apartments and other rental units, Village Code requires businesses and other non-residential structures to maintain a minimum temperature of 65° during their business hours. To report a violation, phone the Community Development Department at (630) 871-6230.

Snow Samaritans On Call

All year long, the Snow Samaritan endures the boasts of the elderly couple down the street. Their children are grown and have gone on to their careers to far off place like Manhattan, Indianapolis, San Francisco. But on winter days when the sky releases snow that is too heavy and deep for the no longer spry parents to easily push aside, the Snow Samaritans are on call. At house after house, somebody has to move the snow and the somebody who lives behind the door may be unable to make that happen. For a Snow Samaritan, all that matters is that someone immediately needs help. Help that yes, requires unreimbursed effort, as it is its own reward to reward to recipient and giver alike. The Snow Samaritan Club is not exclusive as anyone can join at anytime.

It is a given that this winter will be cold with occasional snow which offers opportunity to Samaritans and Samaritans to be. Each of us as we are shoveling snow is free to curse the aching back and brittle air, provided we remember that down the block, someone else's unmanageable need can be our comfort and warmth.

(Excerpt from a December 2003 Tribune Editorial)

Wintertime Roadway Condition Information Links

Winter driving is difficult especially due to blowing snow, icy slick spots and fewer daylight hours. Before departing on a medium or long mileage trip, phone or go on line to check for current winter road conditions .

Gary?Chicago?Milwaukee Corridor Transp. Info. - www.gcmtravel.com/gcm/maps_chicago.jsp

Illinois State Tollways - www.illinoistollway.com/

Interstate Expressway Travel Times - www.ai.eecs.uic.edu/GCM/chicagoland.html

Illinois State Roadways www.dot.state.il.us/- Roadway Weather Info.
(1-800) 452-IDOT

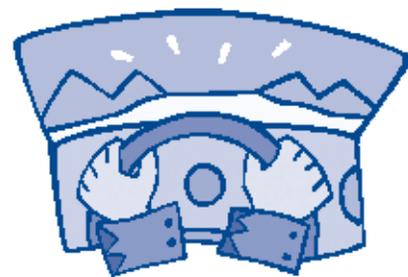
DuPage County Highway Dept. (630) 407-6900

Bloomington Township Highway Dept. (630) 529-5221

Milton Township Highway Dept. (630) 682-4270

Wayne Township Highway Dept. (630) 231-4923

Carol Stream Street Dept. (630) 871-6260



Holiday Tree, Wreath & Bough Collection

=>	Week #1:	Jan. 3 rd - 7 th	=>	Full Week
=>	Week #2:	Jan. 10 th - 14 th	=>	Full Week

Holiday greenery must have all tinsel, ornaments, lights and nails removed before being placed out at the curb for pick-up. Residents who place their holiday tree, wreaths and boughs at the curbside for collection after January 14th will be billed a \$1.63 bulk pickup charge. For questions, phone Flood Brothers Disposal Co. at (630) 261-0578.



2004 Residential Refuse Collection Rates

The Village Board-authorized rate subsidies below will fund 100% of the 2005 rate increases throughout the entire 2005 collection year.

Collection Year	General Refuse	Yard Waste Sticker	Bulk Item Pick-Up	Special Collections	Multi-Family Service
2004 Actual Rates	\$15.02/mo.	\$1.60	\$1.58	\$14.76/c.y.	\$7.17/c.y.
2005 Actual Rates	\$15.52/mo.	\$1.65	\$1.63	\$15.24/c.y.	\$7.40/c.y.
Board-Approved Subsidy	50¢/mo.	5¢	5¢	48¢/c.y.	23¢/c.y.
2005 Charged Rates	\$15.02/mo.	\$1.60	\$1.60	\$14.76/c.y.	\$7.17/c.y.

Senior Discount - Seniors at least 65 years old living alone or with their spouse in their principal residence will be eligible for a 35% discount off the monthly refuse collection rate. The Contractor will process all requests for discounted senior rates through an application requiring a current/valid picture identification that lists the birth date of the applicant/homeowner. **Phone Flood Brother's Disposal Co. at 261-0578 to request an application.**

White Good Pickup - the 2-year extension will include free white good collection through December 31, 2005.

2005 Town Center Event Sponsorship Available



The Village is currently planning 2005 Town Center events and would like to partner with local companies or agencies to provide quality cultural programs for the community. There are 3 affordable festival sponsorship levels and 3 affordable concert series sponsor levels to choose from. A Town Center event sponsorship is a great way for a company to build its corporate image, foster product/brand awareness to enhance their customer base or even make an investment in the quality of life of the community where they conduct business. In-kind sponsorship support is also welcome and includes printing, Recreational Vehicle rental, signage/banners, tents, port-o-lets, volunteer t-shirt design and screening as well as other festival related expenses. Past sponsors have found community event sponsorships significantly more affordable and more effective than traditional forms of advertising. Town Center Sponsorships are fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by the U.S. Tax Code. For more information on 2004 Town Center event sponsorships, contact Joe Breinig, the Village Manager at (630) 871-6250 or by e-mail at:

jbreinig@carolstream.org

Affordable Health Screenings

Heritage Presbyterian Church, located at 965 N. Kuhn Rd. will host a Life Line Screening for the Carol Stream community on Friday, February 18th. Life Line screens the carotid arteries in the neck to determine if you are at risk for stroke. Life Line will also offers a bone density screening to test for early detection of osteoporosis. These non-invasive, completely painless, ultrasound screenings take about 10 minutes each. Each of the 3 vascular tests is offered for \$ 45 while the bone-density screening costs \$ 35. Complete vascular screening (3 tests) for \$ 109, or all 4 tests for \$129. To schedule your appointment, phone Life Line at 1-800-407-4557 as pre-registration is required!!

Tax Relief for Working Families - the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC)

If you worked at a job any time during 2004, you could owe less income tax and get cash back from the IRS through the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC). You may be able to apply for a tax credit if:

- ◆ You have more than one qualifying child and your earned income was **less than \$34,458** (\$35,458 if married filing jointly),
- ◆ You have one qualifying child and your earned income was **less than \$30,338** (\$31,338 if married filing jointly), or
- ◆ You do not have a qualifying child and your earned income was **less than \$11,490** (\$12,490 if married filing jointly).

If you have children and are eligible for the earned income tax credit, file form 1040 or 1040A and be sure to attach Schedule EIC. If you don't have children, file any federal tax return. In most cases, the EITC does not affect benefits like TANF, Foods Stamps, SSI, Medicaid or public housing. If you qualified but failed to apply for a tax credit for the last 3 tax years, you may file retroactively. If you need special taxpayer assistance, phone the IRS at (800) 829-1040 or visit their website @ www.irs.gov



A Hearty Prost (Toast) to the 2004 Oktoberfest Sponsors

A special thanks to the 2004 Oktoberfest event sponsors whose contributions helped ensure a wonderful time was had by all:

Allegra Printing & Imaging
Andy Martello
Barn Owl
Carol Stream Arts Coalition
Comcast
CopyThat Inc.
Family Foods
Foxfire Restaurant
Harris Bank
HBC Group
Mainline Electronics Supply
Mercedes Benz of North America
Moments in Time
National City Bank
North Gary Auto
Rainbow Academy
Saverino & Assoc.
Sprecher & Bateman
Thyssen-Krupp Specialty Steels



2005 Dog Licensing Underway

2004 dog licenses expired, Friday, December 31st. Village residents must have their dogs licensed by the Village and DuPage County once they reach 6 months of age. Written proof of inoculation must be presented as proof before applying for a dog license. A \$5 license fee is charged for female dogs and a \$3 license fee is charged for male and spayed female dogs.



And the Envelope Please!!!

Home Depot, one of the nation's largest home improvement retailers was awarded the **2004 Business Recognition Award** for their outstanding community investment. In February of 2003, Home Depot opened a 129,000 sq. ft. retail store along the south Schmale Rd. corridor employing 150 hard working and dedicated associates (employees). The company holds, as a one of its core corporate values, investing in the life of the communities where they are located. From the time this company opened for business, it immediately began investing in the community. At its grand opening, presented the Village with a \$2,000 contribution to the 45th Anniversary celebration. On Saturday, April 24th, two months after their grand opening, the Store Manager and a team of 10 associates teamed up with 20 local residents to host an Earth Day cleanup of Community Park. During the 2004 summer festival, the company sponsored a kid's workshop every day during the 4-day event. Throughout the four-day festival, employee associates assisted over 500 local children through a fun, interactive "How to Build" workshop.



The success of Home Depot is its proven ability to create and sustain a culture of quality customer service through a commitment to taking care of employee associates, showing ultimate respect for its customers, vendors, shareholders and host communities. Congratulations to Home Depot on this wonderful award.

Welcome New Businesses

The Village welcomes its new businesses and thanks them for choosing Carol Stream as their home base of operation. The Village encourages all its residents to keep sales tax dollars in the Village by shopping at these and our other local business establishments.

Castle Craft Products

205 E. Kehoe Blvd.
Commercial Wood Working
(630) 588-8919

Echo Entertainment

Home Occupation
Disc Jockey/Karaoke Service
(630) 688-1707

Fannie Mae Candies

107 E. North Ave.
Retail Candy Shop

Heritage Industries

430 Kimberly Dr.
Dist. Business Case & Luggage
(847) 640-8030

Lily Park

Wine & Music Gift Sets
www.lilyparkinc.com
(630) 372-9870

Lowe's

400 Army Trail Rd.
Home Improvement Super Store
www.lowes.com
(630) 456-9004

Mario's the Tradition Continues

465 E. Thornhill Dr. (across from Wendy's)
Italian Rest./Pizza Parlor/Catering
www.welovemarios.com
(630) 668-9977

Viking SupplyNet

640 Center Ave.
Dist. of Fire Protection Products
www.vikingsupplynet.com
(630) 527-5800

Wheaton Resource Corp.

391 Schmale Rd.
Dist. of Medical Orthopedic Products
(630) 690-5795



WDSRA to Host 11th Annual Charity Auction - "Under the Sea"

The Western DuPage Special Recreation Association (WDSRA) is hosting their 11th annual charity silent auction on Friday, March 11th at the Abbingdon in Glen Ellyn located at Rt. 53 & Butterfield Rd. Attendees can bid on several hundred items, many top quality live auction packages and be in the running for numerous raffle prizes. For tickets, phone (630) 681-0962 or send an e-mail to info@wdsra.com

Government Meeting Calendar

Village Hall Hours:

Mon.: 7 am - 7 pm
Tue.-Fri.: 7 am - 5 pm

Police Dept. Walk Up:

24hrs/day 7 days/week

Phone Numbers:

General 665-7050
Mayor 871-6250
Public Works 871-6260
Police Adm. 668-2167
Water Billing 871-6222
Building 871-6230
TDD 668-5785

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www.carolstream.org

January:

3	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
3	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
10	Mon.	Bd. of Fire & Police Com.	Municipal Center	7:00 pm
10	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
17	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
17	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
24	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm

February:

7	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
7	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
14	Mon.	Bd. of Fire & Police Com.	Municipal Center	7:00 pm
14	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
21	Mon.	President's Day Holiday	Municipal Center	CLOSED
22	Tue.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
22	Tue.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
22	Tue.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
28	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm

March:

7	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
7	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
14	Mon.	Bd. of Fire & Police Com.	Municipal Center	7:00 pm
14	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
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