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Mayor's Letter



I wish each of you a happy and healthy New Year!

Last year at this time, we were starting to experience the effects of the recession and 1 year later, many of those same financial challenges still remain. Key revenues like sales, real estate sales, income, utility and telecommunications taxes have all substantially fallen off making it difficult to sustain a level of services that



existed in better times. The staff is currently working on preparing the FY10-11 Budget and 3-Year Financial Plan and the plan to be presented will include service reductions, a continued hiring freeze, the elimination

of the annual summer festival and the proposed elimination of some non-essential services. In addition, certain revenues as well as the costs for licenses, fees and permits may need to be adjusted to recoup the actual costs of service associated with that license, fee, or permit. We are hopeful that the economy in time will turn around, however, local government must adopt a balanced budget and the budget to be presented will reflect the current economic climate and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to living within our available means. In order to balance the current year's budget, we needed to use \$1.38 million in operating reserves. As the year progresses, it appears as though we may likely need to use up to \$2 million in operating reserves.

The Village begins the final 6 months of competition in the Com-Ed Community Energy Challenge. Residents and businesses have been encouraged to take advantage of the financial resources earmarked for our community for energy efficiency included in the Smart Ideas program administered by Com-Ed. While the Village has had several businesses and residents take advantage of the program savings, additional financial incentives exists for those who are planning energy reduction projects in the 1st two quarters of the new year. A listing of the program incentives can be found at www.comed.com – click on **Home and/or Business Savings**. The winning Illinois community will receive a \$100,000 financial award that it can use toward additional local energy efficiency projects.

Our annual Holiday Tree Lighting was held on November 27th and thanks to the generosity of **Sandy Rowand** from **Fannie May Candy**, **Steve and Amy Adams** from **Culver's** for their generous donations, **John Marciniak** of the Carol Stream Police Department and his dedicated group of **Police Department Volunteers**, the Fire Protection District staff from Station #3 and resident **Charlie Tucek** for his volunteer support of this community event. I also want to especially thank **Marilyn Leary**, Jay Stream Music Chair and the **members of the Jay Stream Student Choir** for setting the tone for this year's event as well as **Trustee Matt McCarthy** and the members of the local **Youth Council** for staffing the kid's activities. In addition, I want to thank the **Park District Board** and staff for partnering with us this year to host the tractor ride, the ice sculptor, roasted chestnuts and the candy cane giveaways. This wonderful event could not have happened without your generous contribution of time, talent and treasure.

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 staffs of **Cotton Ford and Lutheran Church of the Master** for their generosity in opening their facilities, all those company's and individuals that helped support this year's program effort. I also want to thank the countless resident volunteers and local civic organizations that made a donation or spent time wrapping gifts, transporting food, clothing and toys to the distribution sites. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of our community, approximately 315 local Carol Stream families were able to have a Merry Christmas.

As you probably already know, the U.S. Census Bureau will be conducting a decennial Census of our nation beginning on March 1st. At that time, a census survey will arrive in your home or apartment unit asking you for information regarding yourself and all those who live with you regardless of their family or citizenship status. While



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completing and submitting a census survey is required by law, it is more importantly a very important investment in the quality of life of our community. It is estimated that for every person living in our community that does not get counted in the upcoming census, the region loses approximately \$1,400 annually in federal revenue that helps fund local and regional services. Census population data helps the federal government allocate \$400 billion annually to state, county, township and local governments all across our nation. Your answers to the Census 2010 survey are strictly confidential and when submitted are encrypted so the data is grouped geography with all personal identifiers removed. So please help the community in its goal of achieving a complete count of the entire community so our schools, fire, library and park districts as well as the Village receive its fair share of federal funding support for the next decade. For more information on the upcoming census, visit www.census.gov/2010census

As we begin the New Year, please 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.ourmilitary.mil/index.aspx and thank them for the heroic sacrifices they are making for our country and the world at large. Also, if you happen to cross paths with any American military personnel or a National Guard Reservist in the coming months, please go out of your way to personally thank them for their valiant service to our country.

In closing, I want to thank all those current and formers residents, businesses and civic organizations who helped us celebrate the Village's Golden Anniversary. It was truly an honor and the Village Board and staff will continue to build on the foundation of successes achieved during our first 50 years as an Illinois municipal government.



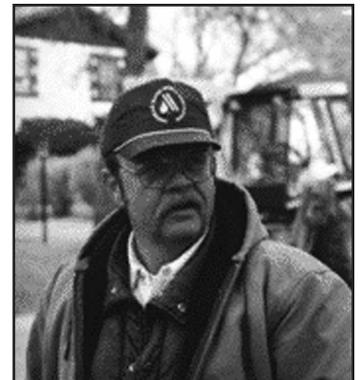
Sincerely,

Frank Savarino Sr.

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Mayor

In Memory of Robert Hoffrage

The Village regrets the passing of Robert "Bob" Hoffrage, an Air Force veteran, long-time resident and Water/Sewer Division Supervisor for the past 32 years. Bob began his career with the Village in 1977 when the community's population was approximately 9,400. During his long tenure, Bob oversaw the building of most of our infrastructure and was responsible for the safe and efficient functioning of our water and sewer system. Known for his 'hands-on' approach, Bob accumulated a vast knowledge of the entire workings of the water and sewer system that he willingly shared with those he supervised so the system under his watch worked optimally. With Bob's passing this past fall, the Village staff and the residents lost a great employee and a respected public servant. Bob will be missed and his contributions to the Village will continue on.



Keep Fire Exits & Water Meters Clear of Snow & Ice

In the event of a need to evacuate a building as a result of a public safety emergency, the Fire Protection District asks commercial facility managers to make sure all emergency exit doors are unobstructed and free and clear of snow and ice accumulation. The Village also asks businesses to clear snow from their outside water meter so charges for monthly water use stays on the current billing cycle.



Farewell & God Speed



On Nov 2nd, **Sgt. John Glos** retired from public service after 26 years with our Police Department. Sgt. Glos joined the Police Department as a Patrol Officer in November 1983 and after 19 years on the street was promoted to the rank of Patrol Sergeant in August 2002. In January 2003, Sgt. Glos served as Sergeant for the Traffic Patrol Division thru January 2006 when he transitioned back to Patrol Sergeant. Sgt. Glos's many contributions to our community over his 26 years of dedicated service as a law enforcement professional are greatly appreciated.



On November 16th, **Frank Guinti** of the Public Works Department retired after more than 30 years of public service. Over his 3 decades as a Public Works professional, Frank distinguished himself in many aspects of infrastructure maintenance, and in doing so, earned the respect and admiration from his fellow workers and Village residents for his work ethic and dedication to customer service.

Both John and Frank are wished much happiness and health in their retirement from public service.

Fire District Set to Appoint New Fire Chief

The Carol Stream Fire Protection District will officially swear in 30-year veteran fireman **Rick Kolomay** as the District's new Fire Chief on Wed., January 6th at the Glenbard North H.S. Auditorium. Rick began his career in 1979 when he joined the Carol Stream Fire Protection as a rookie firefighter. In 1984, Rick began a career as a professional trainer/instructor at the Illinois Fire Safety Institute in Champaign and shortly thereafter signed on as a full-time firefighter/paramedic with the Schaumburg Fire Department in 1985 before returning to the community in October of 2008 to serve as the district's Deputy Fire Chief. All throughout his career, Rick has taught various aspects of Fire Science and Safety for several community colleges, the Chicago Fire Academy, the Illinois Fire Chiefs Association as well as the Illinois Fire Service Institute. Chief Kolomay replaces Chief Mike Kanzia who retired this past November after more than 30 years of service to Carol Stream.



Enter Emergency Contact Info into Your Illinois Driver's License Data File



The Illinois Secretary of State Office encourages all Illinois driver's permit and license holders as well as Illinois residents issued a state identification card to access your database file online to add emergency contact information. In the event of a motor vehicle crash or other emergency situation where you are unable to communicate clearly or unresponsive, emergency responders can then communicate to your contacts regarding your medical history or other information critical to your treatment. Participants should select up to 2 persons as their emergency contact persons and are encouraged to let them know they are listed in the state-wide database. To register your emergency contact(s), log onto www.cyberdriveillinois.com then click on the 'Emergency Contact Database' link.



Village Awarded Federal Energy Efficiency Grant

As part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, the U.S. Dept. of Energy has awarded the Village a \$173,000 federal grant to help the Village continue greening its operations. The Village has identified two energy reduction projects that will be funded with the federal grant award that include the automation of the sludge aeration process at the Village's Water Reclamation Center as well as the installation of 10 LED street lights in a pilot area. It is anticipated that at the completion of these projects, the Village will reduce annual energy demand by approximately 450,000 kilowatt hours resulting in an estimated operational savings of \$28,000. In addition, these projects will reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 323 metric tons which is equivalent to removing 60 passenger vehicles from the roadways.



2010 Dog Licensing Underway

2009 dog tags expire Thursday, 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.

Carol Stream Postal Facility Receives Top Honors for Energy Reduction

The Carol Stream Processing & Distribution Center (PDC) was recognized by the U.S. Postal Service for achieving the highest amount of overall energy reduction during the past operational year of any PDC facility in the nation. This federal facility accounts for 4% of the total energy use in the Carol Stream community which amounts to approximately 20.7 million kWh annually. The Northern Illinois Postal District, in cooperation with the Carol Stream PDC facility managers, undertook an ambitious energy reduction effort that included the installation of an energy efficient lighting system, the installation of a new air compressor management system as well as the replacement of dock door seals that reduced energy consumption by 34% (-7.1 Million kWh) resulting in \$472,474 in operational savings for the past operational year. Lowering energy demand by 7 million kWh reduces greenhouse gas emissions by 5,054 metric tons annually which is equivalent to taking 926 passenger cars off our roads.

Mayor Saverino Sr. and the Village Board of Trustees formally recognized the U.S. Postal officials and staff for this outstanding accomplishments and their ongoing support of environmental stewardship and community-wide sustainability. In recognizing their success of this effort, Mayor Saverino Sr. stated that *"the Carol Stream Postal facility has gone over the top to be green in our community and because of this effort our community is a better place to live and work."*



From L to R, Great Lakes Area Vice President, Jo Ann Feindt; Northern IL District Manager, Bob Hart; Carol Stream Mayor, Frank Saverino, Sr.; Carol Stream Plant Manager, Lee Thompson; Northern IL District Senior Plant Manager, Greg Johnson; Carol Stream Maintenance Manager, Ken Pelech.

NEW Illinois Motor Vehicle Laws



Behind-the-Wheel Text Ban

House Bill 71 changes the Illinois Vehicle Code by prohibiting the driver of a motor vehicle from using a cell phone or other electronic communication device to write, send or read an electronic message. **The new law defines prohibited electronic communications as (but not limited to) electronic mail, a text message, an instant message, or a command or request to access an Internet site.** Drivers violating the ban will be ticketed and charged with a moving violation. Exceptions to the ban include public safety officials as well as drivers using hands free or voice activated technology as well as drivers communicating during an emergency. The full text of the **'Use of Electronic Communication Devices While Driving'** law can be downloaded at www.ilga.gov/legislation/96/HB/PDF/09600HB0071lv.pdf

Cell Phone Ban in School & Highway Construction Zones

Illinois House Bill 72 changes the Illinois vehicle code to prohibit the use of a wireless telephone while operating a motor vehicle on a roadway in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction or maintenance speed zone. Drivers violating the ban will be ticketed and charged with a moving violation. Exceptions to the ban include drivers of highway construction and maintenance vehicles, public safety officials and drivers with their phone in voice-activated mode. The full text of the **'Vehicular Use in School & Work Zones'** law can be downloaded at www.ilga.gov/legislation/96/HB/PDF/09600HB0072lv.pdf

2010 Residential Refuse Collection Rates

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>Increase</u>
Refuse Collection/Month	\$ 17.29	\$ 17.80	51¢
Senior Rate/Mo. (35% Discount)	\$ 11.23	\$ 11.57	34¢
Yard Waste Sticker	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.90	5¢
Leaf Waste Sticker	85¢	90¢	5¢
Bulk Item Pick Up	\$ 1.83	\$ 1.88	5¢
Special Collection	\$ 17.08/2 c.y.	\$ 17.58	50¢/2c.y.
White Goods	FREE	FREE	FREE

Seniors at least 65 years old living alone or with their spouse in their principal residence are 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 (630) 261-0578 to request an application.**



E-News You Can Use - Village, Park District & School Dist. 93 Offer an Online Newsletter

Residents can now subscribe to new e-newsletters from the Village, the Park District as well as Community Consolidated School District 93. Subscribers will receive timely information of interest to residents and businesses regarding programs and services, community events, new developments. All 3 agencies respects the privacy of their subscribers and WILL NOT share e-mail addresses and personal information you provide to us with outside organizations.



To subscribe to any or all of these on-line newsletters, log onto the following addresses:

- Village's E-Stream: www.carolstream.org click on [E-Newsletter New!](#) in the upper right menu bar
- Park District News: www.csparks.org click [Sign Up & Save \\$10](#) under Latest News
- School Dist. 93 News: www.ccsd93.com (scroll down to the sign up box)

Recycle Unwanted Rx @ the Police Station 24/7

The Village provides residents with a free prescription and over-the-counter medicine recycling service at the Police Department walk up lobby located at 500 N. Gary Ave. Make sure when dropping off medications, they are emptied into a sealed leak-proof bag (zip lock) to prevent spillage. Liquid medications such as children's antibiotics or cough suppressant should remain in the bottle and be placed in a zip lock bag as well. Please note that controlled substances are discouraged from being dropped off, however, they will be accepted without questions or condition. Below are steps you can take to properly dispose of your unused, expired, or unwanted medications:

- Never flush pharmaceuticals or over-the-counter medicines down the toilet as it pollutes local waterways;
- Do not drop off used/expired prescription medication in their original vials, as it has the patient's personal information which can compromise your personal identity;
- All medications in pill form should be poured into a zip lock bag while liquid medications should remain in their bottle and also placed in a zip lock bag;
- Only purchase the quantity of OTC and prescription medication you absolutely need to reduce the chances of stockpiling expired pharmaceuticals in your home;
- Place all your pharmaceuticals in one secure location in the home so you can monitor their inventory for possible misuse/abuse.
- Do not take drug samples unless you are going to use them.



Homeowner Protection Act Signed into Law



The Illinois General Assembly passed the Homeowner Protection providing Illinois homeowners who fall behind on their mortgage payments additional time to work with their lender to develop a plan to maintain ownership of their home. The new law provides homeowners who have fallen behind on their mortgage a grace period of up to 90 days if they initiate housing counseling. The law also obligates lenders and loan service providers to notify homeowners who are at least 30 days behind on their mortgage that they have 30 days to initiate housing counseling. After given notification by their lender, a homeowner who enters housing counseling gets an additional 30 days to work out a payment plan or refinance option.

The Illinois Department of Financial & Professional Regulation has been tasked with assisting Illinois homeowners with the specifics of the law as well as providing helpful information on foreclosure prevention, the tell tale signs of mortgage fraud as well as their legal rights under the new law. For more information on the Homeowner Protection Act, call the IDFPF Hotline at (800) 532-8785, visit the agency web site at www.idfpr.com or send an email to mortgagereliefproject@illinois.gov In addition, a list of approved housing counseling agencies can be found at www.hud.gov – Resources – HUD Approved Housing Counseling Agencies – Illinois

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. 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 Services
421 County Farm Rd., Wheaton
630-407-6500 (TDD 6502)

Wayne Township
27W031North Ave., West Chicago
630-231-7173

Bloomington Township
123 N. Rosedale Rd., Bloomington
630-529-9993

Milton Township
1492 N. Main St., Wheaton
630-668-1616

For information, phone the DuPage County's Energy Assistance Hotline at 1-800-942-9412, by visiting www.dupageco.org/humanservices - Energy Assistance or by email at liheap@dupageco.org For more program information including income eligibility guidelines, visit www.keepwarm.illinois.gov



Prepare Your Pets for a Disaster

Tornadoes, floods, fires, blizzards, gas leaks, and terrorism are disasters that can hit home at any time. As a community, we need to prepare for these events and how they can affect us and our pets. If a disaster strikes when you are not at home:

- **Preplace stickers on the front and back doors** to alert neighbors, firefighters, police and other rescue personnel that animals are on your property and where to find your evacuation supplies. Order free stickers on line @ www.uan.org;
- **Provide a list near your evacuation supplies** detailing the number, type and location of your animals that includes favorite hiding spots to save time during a rescue;
- **Provide muzzles, handling gloves and restraints** so rescue personnel can find them. Keep in mind that your animals may be unpredictable when frightened;
- **Designate a willing neighbor to tend to your animals in the event of a disaster** in case you are not home. This person should have a key to your home, be familiar with your animal(s) and know where your evacuation supplies are kept;
- **Make sure your animals have identifications** such as a microchip, rabies tag or clear identification on the cage for confined animals.

If an evacuation order (mandatory or voluntary) is issued, **take your animals with you!** There is a possibility that your animals may not survive on their own; and if they do, you may not be able to find them when you return. For more information on disaster preparedness for pets, visit:

www.fema.gov/plan/prepare/animals.shtm



The EITC Provides Tax Relief for Working Families



If you worked at a job any time during 2009, 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 **3 or more qualifying children** and your earned income was less than **\$43,279** (\$48,279 if married filing jointly), your max tax credit will be approximately **\$5,657**.
- You have **2 qualifying children** and your earned income was less than **\$40,295** (\$45,295 if married filing jointly), your max tax credit will be approximately **\$5,028**.
- You have **1 qualifying child** and your earned income was less than **\$35,463** (\$40,463 if married filing jointly), your max tax credit will be approximately **\$3,043**.
- You **do not have a qualifying child** and your earned income was less than **\$13,440** (\$18,440 if married filing jointly), your max tax credit will be approximately **\$457**.

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. **The maximum amount of investment income you can have and still get the credit has increased to \$3,100.** If you qualified but failed to apply for a tax credit for the last 3 tax years, you may file retroactively.

NEW for 2009 Tax Year - Advance Earned Income Tax Credit (A-EITC)

The advance EITC allows taxpayers who expect to qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) and have at least one qualifying child to receive part of the credit in each paycheck during the year the taxpayer qualifies for the credit. The employee can choose to get part of the credit in their paycheck, if they are employed, expect adjusted gross income to be within the income limits for the tax year, have at least 1 qualifying child and expect to qualify for the earned income tax credit. Taxpayers who qualify for the A-EITC may be able to claim a larger credit when you file your tax return because your employer can only pay a part of the credit to you in your paycheck. Also, if you have more than one qualifying child, you may be able to claim a larger credit when you file your tax return.

If you need special taxpayer assistance, phone the IRS at (800) 829-1040 or visit their website @ www.irs.gov



Register Your Phone or Fax to Receive Emergency/Disaster Notifications



The Village utilizes a reverse 9-1-1 emergency notification system to inform residents about forecasted severe weather, HAZMAT incidents, traffic detours, road closures, flood watches and warnings, evacuation notices as well as crime and missing child alerts. This public safety tool utilizes computerized mapping and links a property with its registered phone number

to enable it to send a prerecorded message detailing the details of the emergency and any instructions. Residents and businesses that have chosen to have their phone unlisted will need to formally register their phone number with the Police Department. To do so, type in the following online address and to download an application www.carolstream.org/ReferenceDesk/Forms/Police/VistaBrochure.pdf

Residents and businesses with a Privacy Manager feature activated on their landline phone will be unable to receive notifications from the system, unless they reprogram that system with the **dedicated City Watch phone number of (630) 668-2167 so it no longer gets tagged as an unwanted solicitor.** Any further questions on this system limitation and how to successfully begin receiving system-wide alters can be directed to jmarciniak@carolstream.org

Water Main Breaks

If you notice a ground swell or an unusually large flow of water coming from underground, it is likely a water main break. The freeze thaw cycle that occurs in a typical winter puts pressure on the underground water system. A typical break takes 4-6 hours to repair depending on weather conditions, conflicts, and delays in locating surrounding utilities in the repair area. Repair crews shut off water to those served by the broken main and try to give notice to homes and businesses unless it is late at night. After the repair is completed and water is restored, the affected homes and businesses might experience some discolored water resulting from the mineral sediment stirred up during repair. Run the water for 5-10 minutes until the water color returns to normal. To report a water main break during normal business hours from 7 am until 3:30 pm, phone the Public Works Department at (630) 871-6260 or after hours, dial 9-1-1.





Overhead Sewer Program

Last January, the Village Board approved limited funding to administer an Overhead Sewer Program. The post-action report from the September 2008 flood event identified the need for an overhead sewer program to address the problem of sanitary sewer backups into residential homes caused by the inability of certain sections of the local sewer system to handle high storm flows. Residential homeowners that will benefit most from the overhead sewer program are those living in homes that have a gravity-type sanitary sewer service that runs in below-grade living areas of the home (basements, below-grade first floors).

The Village will fund 50% of the eligible cost of sewer service improvements up to a maximum of \$2,500. Upon application approval, the Village will conduct an initial inspection to review the proposed scope of work, advise if additional work will be needed to meet existing code requirements and finally to verify that no cross-connection between the storm drainage system and the sanitary sewer system exists. In the event a cross-connection is found, the homeowner must correct this code violation regardless of whether they intend to participate in the program. Should demand for program participation exceed available funding, the Village will give preference to homeowners who are able to establish need based on a history of documented sanitary sewer backups. Homeowners who are approved for participation after funding for the budget year has been exhausted will be placed on a waiting list for funding the next budget year.

Packets for the Overhead Sewer Program are available at the Building Department or may be downloaded by logging on to the Village's homepage @ www.carolstream.org, then click on Departments and Services-Community Development.

PACE Feeder Route 711- Your Ticket to Ride

The Pace Suburban Bus Service operates the 711 Feeder Route which begins at the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center in Wheaton along Roosevelt Rd. proceeding east and north along the Schmale Rd. and Gary Ave. residential corridor serving the residents living in the many rental communities with convenient accessible service to the following destinations:

Carol Stream Postal Sorting Facility
Carol Stream Municipal Center
Carol Stream Industrial Park
Stratford Sq. Mall in Bloomingdale
High Grove Business Park in Bloomingdale
Pampered Chef Corporate HQ in Addison
Marcus Theaters in Addison
Village of Addison Village Hall
Wheaton Metra Station
Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center



The Village encourages residents living along the transit route to take advantage of the service for trips to work, shopping areas, medical care or access to Metra rail service. In addition, several discount retailers have stores along the route including **Walmart (2 locations), Target (2 locations), Best Buy, Kohls** as well as several grocery stores including **Aldi's (2 locations), Dominicks, Jewel and Ultra Foods**. PACE continually monitors the use of their services to assess the efficient use of their limited transit funding programs. Faithful use of the service ensures it meets the farebox recovery rates used to evaluate their effectiveness. For more information on Feeder Route 711 service, visit the following online web links:

www.pacebus.com/pdf/maps/711map.pdf - (Route Map)

www.pacebus.com/pdf/schedules/711sched.pdf - (Route Schedule)



Holiday Tree, Wreath & Bough Collection Schedule

Flood Brothers will pick up holiday trees and wreaths free of charge on your designated collection day from Jan. 2nd – 15th. 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 15th may be billed a \$1.88 bulk pickup charge. For questions, phone Flood Brothers Disposal Co. at (630) 261-0578.

Winter Driving Safety Tips

Keep winter car supplies that can assist you in case of an emergency that include the following items:

- ✳ **Booster cables**
- ✳ **2 or more blankets**
- ✳ **Snow shovel and scraper**
- ✳ **Flashlight**
- ✳ **Batteries**
- ✳ **Winter hat, mittens, parka and overshoes or snow boots**
- ✳ **High calorie, non-perishable food i.e. candy & canned nuts.**
- ✳ **Sand or scrap carpet strips**
- ✳ **Windshield washer fluid**
- ✳ **Antifreeze**
- ✳ **Flares or reflectors**
- ✳ **Cloth/paper towels**
- ✳ **Piece of bright cloth**



- ✳ **Buckle up** before you start driving.
- ✳ **SLOW DOWN!** - Posted speed limits are for ideal travel conditions. Driving at reduced speeds is the best precautionary measure against any misfortune while driving on slippery roads or when approaching a slick intersection.
- ✳ **Be alert for black ice.** Black ice is invisible and makes a road look like shiny new asphalt. Pavement should look grey-white in winter.
- ✳ **Do not use cruise control** when roads are covered with snow/ice.
- ✳ **Allow for extra travel time** or even consider delaying a trip if the weather is hazardous.
- ✳ **Drive with low-beam headlights on during a snowstorm.** Not only are they brighter than daytime running lights but turning them on also activates the tail lights. This makes your vehicle more visible.
- ✳ **Lengthen your following distance behind the vehicle ahead of you.** Stopping distance on an icy road is double that of stopping on a dry one. For example, from around 45 meters (140 ft) at the speed of 60 km/h, to 80 meters (over 260 ft) on an icy road surface.
- ✳ **Also, when behind a snowplow truck, keep a 4 car length distance (70 ft.)** until you are able to change lanes.
- ✳ **Stay in the right-hand lane** except when passing and use turn signals when changing lanes.
- ✳ **Steer with smooth and precise movements.** Changing lanes too quickly and jerky steering while braking or accelerating can cause skidding.
- ✳ **Slow down when approaching a bridge.** Steel and concrete bridges are likely to be icy even when there is no ice on the asphalt surface.
- ✳ **Consider getting off the road before getting stranded if the weather worsens.**
- ✳ **Be patient and pass other cars only when it is safe to do so.**

Attend the 11th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration



The Carol Stream community is invited to attend the **11th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration on Monday, January 18th at Wheaton Christian Center** located at 610 E. North Ave. just east of Schmale Rd. The theme for this year's celebration is **A Beloved Community: Family, Future & Faith** which begins at 7 pm. The program will include inspirational youth performances by the students of the Outreach Community Center and other local churches followed by a motivating keynote address from **Rev. Demetrius Davis**, the founding Pastor of Proviso Community Church in Hillside. A reception will be held afterwards during which dessert and coffee will be served. Carol Stream residents are invited to attend this moving celebration of the legacy of Dr. King. There is no charge to attend the event.

The aftermath of non-violence is the creation of a beloved community!
Martin Luther King Jr.

Village Snow Removal Policy

The Village **ONLY** salts main arterial and collector streets as needed. The Village does not salt dead streets or cul-de-sacs except in locations that pose a special hazard to motorists such as dangerous curves, school crossing zones and roadway inclines.

Snow removal operations begin according to established routes. These routes have been carefully determined to allow for the efficient use of equipment, manpower and supplies. **Snow removal is conducted on main and through streets BEFORE clearing operations begin on side streets, dead ends and cul-de-sacs.**



The Village **prohibits parking on all streets after a 1" snowfall.** The parking ban allows snow removal crews to make a clean pass of the street by eliminating the potential collision between a parked car and a plow/salt truck. **The snow-parking ban remains in effect until the streets have been cleared of snow accumulation.**

Village snowplows discharge snow from the streets toward the adjacent parkway. **It is IMPOSSIBLE to prevent the deposit of snow at driveway entrances!** Windrows of snow at entrances to driveways are an unavoidable by-product of our effort to clear streets of snow in the safest and most efficient manner. We ask residents to delay shoveling a 3' section of your driveway adjacent to the curb until the Village's plow trucks have sufficiently cleared the adjacent street.

Residents are prohibited from shoveling snow from their driveway apron or sidewalk into the street. Ice patching will develop and create a traffic safety hazard for motorists and emergency vehicles.

The Village does not remove snow from sidewalks or driveway entrances!

The Village will not reimburse homeowners for plow or snow damage to improperly installed curbside mailboxes. Before the snow falls, residents who have concerns about the installation of their mailbox should measure its setback distance in inches from the curb line. Mailboxes located at least one foot (12 inches) behind the curb and 42 inches above grade level are properly installed.

The Village asks residents to keep the sidewalk adjacent to their home clear of snow and ice. Sidewalks have been installed for the convenience of pedestrians who live in the immediate area. Any assistance that homeowner and business owners can provide to keep fire hydrants in front of their property visible is greatly appreciated.

43rd Annual Citizen of the Year Awards Banquet

Attend the 43rd Annual Citizen of the Year banquet on **Saturday, February 6th** at the Carol Stream Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites (150 S. Gary Ave.). Tickets are \$30 each and table reservations can be made by phoning **Ginny Gillespie at (630) 289-6354** or by **e-mail at gin630@att.net** before January 19th. Visit www.citizenoftheyear.com for more information and a listing of the 2009 citizen nominees.

WDSRA to Host 16th Annual Charity Auction



On Sat., March 6th, WDSRA will be hosting its 16th annual charity auction at the Abbington in Glen Ellyn. Since 1976 WDSRA has been providing opportunities for individuals with special needs to participate in recreational and leisure activities helping to develop individuals through recreation. This year's auction theme is **'There's No Place Like WDSRA'**. From the silent/live auctions, raffle baskets to dinner and some dancing, there will be 'fun without end' for everyone!! No matter what your budget is, WDSRA will be sure to have something to pique your interest. In the mean time, bring your family and neighbors and have a wonderful time celebrating with us 34 years of innovative programming to improve the lives of our special needs clients! For tickets, sponsorships or donations, phone **Cindy at (630) 681-0962 ext 132** or by e-mail @ cindya@wdsra.com



2010 Census – Counting on You to be Counted in 2010

The U.S. Census Bureau will be mailing surveys to every Carol Stream residence (owner and renter occupied) on or about March 1st. The survey consists of 10 basic questions asking for the following information for every person living in that specific residence:

- Name
- Age
- Date of Birth
- Gender
- Race
- Ethnicity
- Type of Residence
- Years Lived at Residence
- Relationship to Head of Household



The Village asks all residents to complete and mail back the Census survey in a timely manner. By completing and mailing back the Census survey you are making an investment in our community. Every person counted means \$1,400 per person per year for 10 years to the region. The \$1,400 investment includes federal resources for schools, parks, the library, roadway improvements, homeland security, child and health care as well as job training. Your survey responses are strictly confidential and are not shared with any other governmental agency. The data is only used to determine federal resource allocation as well as determining the number of Congressmen from each state to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives. Help protect our quality of life by participating in the 2010 Census.

Questionnaire Assistance Center Locations: (Need Help Completing the Census Survey)

The Village in cooperation with the U.S. Census Bureau will be staffing the following Questionnaire Assistance Centers for residents who need help completing the survey or need a survey in their native language:

Outreach Community Center

345 S. President St.
Hours: Call (630) 260-7600

Carol Stream Library

616 Hiawatha
Hours: Call (630) 653-0755

Simkus Rec. Center

849 Lies Rd.
Hours: Call (630) 260-7600

Be Counted Centers: (Need a Questionnaire)

The Census Bureau has supplies of unaddressed Census questionnaires at the following locations for those residents who did not get a questionnaire in the mail, misplaced their original questionnaire or need a questionnaire in their native language:

Carol Stream Public Library	- 616 Hiawatha Dr.
Village Municipal Center	- 500 N. Gary Ave.
Outreach Community Center	- 345 S. President St.
Apartment Rental Offices	- tenants only
Simkus Recreation Center	- 849 Lies Rd.
COD Education Center	- 580 N. Kuhn Rd.
Metropolitan Asian Family Service	- 954 W. Army Trail Rd.
Carol Stream Postal Facility	- 500 N. Fullerton Ave.



Census Takers are Thoroughly Screened, Sufficiently Trained & Clearly Identified

All census workers undergo an FBI name background check, and a fingerprint check was added for the first time as an extra precaution. These two security measures screened out about 16 percent of the more than hundreds of thousands of applicants for pre-census operations. We are confident that these measures will make the 2010 Census the safest decennial census ever.

Help Make Valentines for Our Veterans

Glenbard Township H.S. District 87's ACTS (Advocating Character Thru Service) Committee along with the Student Leadership Council and the Village of Glendale Heights is sponsoring a Valentines for Veterans project that will work with groups from Glenbard communities to create personalized valentine greetings for hospitalized veterans as well as servicemen and women serving stateside and overseas. **During the Feb. 1st school week**, residents and local civic groups are encouraged to make Heartfelt Valentines for Veterans that need to be completed and dropped off at the Glendale Heights Civic Center located along Fullerton Ave. just east of Bloomingdale Road (600 Civic Center Plaza) **no later than Friday, Feb. 5th**. **Glenbard North school parents are invited to the school's cafeteria on Wed., Feb. 3rd at 2:45 pm to create a personalized valentine greeting.** For more information, contact Gilda Ross at (630) 942-7573 or gilda_ross@glenbard.org



View Historical Recollection Series on Village Web Site

This past fall several residents shared their unique memories of the early years of our community. The Historical Recollection Series has been a unique opportunity to gather first-person oral history from those community leaders, residents, teachers, elected and appointed officials, Village employees, land developers and members of founding families who have had a birds-eye view of the gradual development of Carol Stream as a rural hamlet to a full-service suburban community. Special thanks to the following individuals for their contributions to this special 50th anniversary program:

Frank Slepicka Jr.
Slepicka Farmstead family



Janice Gerzevske
former Village President & Trustee



Joseph Breinig
longtime resident & Village Manager

Don Depa
longtime resident and Glenbard North H.S. Teacher



Joseph Bird
founder of Bird Excavating & former Fire Protection District President

Carole Ellermeir
longtime resident & Community Relations Coordinator for School Dist. 93



A video archive of the individual recollections can be viewed on the Village web site @

www.carolstream.org/MultiMedia/default.htm#PSA



Rotary Club Chili Golf Open Date Set

The Carol Stream Rotary Club will host the 23rd annual Chili Open Golf Outing on May 7th at Villa Olivia Golf Club in Bartlett. This ever-popular charity event sells out early and event organizers urge supporters to register their 4-some early. 100% of event proceeds raised by this event will support the new 'Carol Stream Cares' grant program that funds community service projects coordinated by school-age youth. This event over the years has allowed the local Rotary Club to donate approximately \$400,000 in charitable funds to WDSRA, the Northern Illinois Food Bank, Hospice of DuPage, Access DuPage, Glenbard North H.S. Post Prom, the Police Dept. Christmas Sharing program, the 2008 Flood Disaster Relief Fund, the Outreach Community Center as well as the Kids World Playground in Armstrong Park. If you would like to learn more about the Carol Stream Rotary Club, visit our website at www.carolstreamrotary.com or attend a lunch meeting at 12:15 PM on Tuesdays at the Carol Stream Holiday Inn- 150 S. Gary Ave.



Voter Information for Feb. 2nd General Primary Election

Deadline to live in your precinct (30 days before election) – **Sat., Jan. 2nd**
To verify you are registered, visit <http://cms.dupageelections.com>

Deadline to register to vote (28 days before election) – **Tue., Jan. 5th**
Voter registration locations: DuPage Election Commission – 421 County Farm Rd.
Bielawski Municipal Center – 500 N. Gary Ave.
Your Township Office

Register by mail by down loading the on-line voter registration application at:
www.dupageelections.com/uploads/JID37_Website%20Registration%20Form.pdf

Late Voter Registration (14-Day Grace Period) – **Wed., Jan. 6th – Wed., Jan. 19th**

Early Voting (21 days before an election): – **Mon., Jan. 11th – Thu., Jan 28th**
Early voting locations will be listed on-line @ www.dupageelections.com/main.asp

Absentee Voting Deadline (40 days prior to an election): – **Thu., Jan. 28th**

Absentee Voting Criteria:

- Will Be Absent from the County
- Will serve as an Election Judge Outside the Precinct
- Be admitted to Hospital or Nursing Home
- Be performing Official Election Duties
- Be detained for Pre-Trial Proceeding or Jury Duty

In-Person Absentee Voting Deadline: – **Mon., Feb. 1st**
Ballot must be cast @ DuPage Election Commission 421 N. County Farm Rd.

To vote absentee by mail, phone the Election Comm. at (630) 407-5600 or TDD (630) 407-5631
Download absentee ballot application @ <http://cms.dupageelections.com/pages.asp?pageid=984>



2010 Summer Concert Series Event Sponsorships Available

In planning the 13th Annual Town Center Summer Concert Series, the Village has tentatively scheduled nine summer concert dates on Thursday evenings beginning June 10th and continuing through August 12th (excluding Thu., July 2nd). The Village seeks corporate sponsors looking to help underwrite the costs of the scheduled entertainment. Community event sponsorship are a proven 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 their community. An individual sponsorship costs \$1,000/concert and includes the following sponsor benefits:

- **Company Officials are provided a Welcome Tent to show case products/services**
- **Company Officials introduce the band to kick off the concert event**
- **Sponsoring Company logo is include in all event promotional literature**
- **Sponsoring Company officials may host a prize drawing for patrons in attendance**
- **Sponsoring Company logo is linked in the 2010 Online Event Calendar from the Village web site for entire event season**

Community event sponsorships are fully tax-deductible to the extent permitted by the U.S. Tax Code. For more information on 2010 Town Center event sponsorships, contact **Chris Oakley, the Asst. to the Village Manager** at (630) 871-6250 or by e-mail at coakley@carolstream.org



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.

A Maid in the Burbs

Home & Business Cleaning Service
Home Occupation
(630) 577-7337

David Cooper

Telephone Food Sales
Home Occupation
(630) 830-8232

JD Laundry Mat LLC

Laundromat
265 Elk Trail
(630) 457-8420

Amazing Exteriors Inc.

Roofing, Siding, Gutters & Windows
373 Schmale Rd.
(630) 462-8015

Diamond Transportation Co.

Transportation Company
338 St. Paul Blvd.
(630) 582-8700

Lucid Salon

Hair Salon
570 Schmale Rd.
(630) 510-7010

Amazing Interiors

Basement, Kitchen & Bath Remodeling
323 Schmale Rd.
(630) 462-8013

ESP Emporium.Com LLC

On-Line Tea Sales
E-Commerce
(630) 235-5903
www.esporium.com

M&R Foreclosure Cleanup

Property Preservation Services
Home Occupation
(630) 965-6082

Amicis Salon

Hair, Nail & Skin Care Services
887 Geneva Rd.
(630) 682-5999

Foresight Transport Group

Trucking Co.
610 Center Ave.
(847) 640-0077

Simply Communication LTD.

Speech & Language Therapy
Home Occupation

Broadway IP Voice

Telephone, Internet Phone & Voice Comm.
Home Occupation
(630) 344-6724

FS HVAC & Remodeling

Heating, Ventilating Sales & Services
Home Occupation
(630) 480-0437

Soto-CPT Fitness Studio

Fitness Studio & Personal Training Svcs.
920 Army Trail Rd.
(630) 631-6646

DeMar Logistics Inc.

3rd Party Service Provider
910 Kimberly Dr.
(630) 510-5699
www.demarlogistics.com

JADE Infused

Pan Asian Restaurant
1021 Fountainview Ln.
(630) 688-5239

Business Profile: Start Sampling, Inc.



StartSampling, Inc., located at 195 E. Elk Trail in the industrial park is a digital marketing and promotions services company dedicated to giving discerning consumers an opportunity to sample free products being considered for the consumer retail and on-line markets. StartSampling has established itself as a successful on-line sampling company by linking product manufacturers looking for feedback on trial products and services with potential consumers willing to sample those products with the promise of providing sought after feedback. Registered StartSampling members are provided a privileged opportunity to test sample products they might otherwise have never had a chance to. StartSampling provides many samples and downloadable coupons from companies that are testing products or want to promote existing ones that might not be getting as much attention as they should.

Most all registered StartSampling consumers find the experience very valuable as they report it makes them more discerning consumers of products on the market as well as those going to market. Registered consumers also rave about other opportunities to educate them on the developing product market that includes access to market survey data, free samples and product coupons, on-line member forums as well as contests where you can win valuable prizes. Carol Stream is proud to salute StartSampling, and we wish them continued success. For more information, visit the company website at www.startsampling.com

State Chamber President to Speak to Business Community



On Wed., January 13th, the Carol Stream Chamber has planned a luncheon with Illinois Chamber President, Doug Whitley as presenter. With offices in Chicago and Springfield, Whitley will share economic news and updates, as well as taking questions. The event will be held at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites, 150 S. Gary Ave, beginning at 11:30am to 1:00pm. Cost for Chamber members is \$20 or visitors \$25. Reservations required before January 8th. For more information, visit www.carolstreamchamber.com or call (630) 665-3325.

Carol Stream Local Job Board

The jobs listed below are provided as a service to the residents and businesses in the Village. Please contact the business directly to inquire about a listed job(s).

Job	Business	Contact	Address	Phone/Fax	Wage	Date
Campus Crossing Monitor (Crossing Guard)	Andy Frain Services	Ed Millard	emillard@andyfrain.com	(630) 855-8648	\$12.50/hr. + incentive	12/1/09
Distribution Worker	United Stationers	Michelle Tarczon	810 Kimberly	(630) 690-1400	\$11.55/hr.	12/1/09
Distribution Worker	Lagasse Sweet	Heather Wade	230 Lies Rd.	(630) 871-3042 ext. 30228	\$11.25/hr.	12/1/09



In a continuing effort to assist registered Carol Stream businesses in identifying candidates for open employment positions, the Village will use its media resources (Public Access Channel 6, our website and the Correspondent newsletter) to help advertise available jobs. To post a job opening, complete the form below. For questions concerning the job posting service please call Dawn Moser, Employee Relations Dept. at 630-871-6242 or email dmoser@carolstream.org. Postings will be deleted after 60 days, if you would like to keep it up longer than that, an email or phone call is required to the Employee Relations Dept.

Job Posting Form

<u>Job Title</u>	<u>Business Name</u>	<u>Contact</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Wage</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Resolve to Reduce Energy Use in the New Year

Com-Ed offers both business and homeowners financial incentive programs to assist in funding energy-efficiency projects. The Smart Ideas program offerings are tailored to meet a variety of different project budgets and can help a business and homeowner begin the year reducing their energy demand and substantially lowering their electricity costs into the foreseeable future. Many of the program incentives have very short payback periods and will work to free up funds previously used to pay for electricity for other needed home or business improvements.

Smart Ideas for Your Home: www.comed.com/smartideas - Home Savings
 Smart Ideas for Your Business: www.comed.com/smartideas - Business Savings



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| * CFL Lighting | * Air Condition Upgrade | * Whole Building Tune Up |
| * Air Condition Cycling | * Real Time Pricing | * Load Response (Real Time Pricing) |
| * New Refrigerator/Freezer Rebate | * Commercial Lighting | * Commercial Refrigeration Upgrade |
| * All -Electric Tune Up/Upgrade | * HVAC Upgrade | * Commercial Motor Replacement |

Government Meeting Calendar

January:

1	Fri.	New Year's Day Holiday	Municipal Center/Library	CLOSED
4	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
4	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
11	Mon.	Bd. of Fire & Police Com.	Municipal Center	7:00 pm
11	Mon.	Park District Board	Aldrin Ctr. (391 Illini)	7:00 pm
11	Mon.	Fire Protection District	Fire House #1 (Kuhn Rd.)	7:00 pm
11	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
11	Mon.	Benjamin School Dist. 25	Administration Center	7:00 pm
14	Thu.	District 93 School Board	Elsie Johnson School	7:00 pm
18	Mon.	Martin Luther King Jr.	Municipal Center/Library	OPEN
19	Tue.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
19	Tue.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
20	Wed.	Library Board	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
25	Mon.	Park District Board	Aldrin Ctr. (391 Illini)	7:00 pm
25	Mon.	Fire Protection District	Fire House #1 (Kuhn Rd.)	7:00 pm
25	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
28	Thu.	District 93 School Board	Dist. 93 Admin. Center	7:00 pm

February:

1	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
1	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
8	Mon.	Bd. of Fire & Police Com.	Municipal Center	7:00 pm
8	Mon.	Benjamin School Dist. 25	Administration Center	7:00 pm
8	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
8	Mon.	Park District Board	Aldrin Ctr. (391 Illini)	7:00 pm
11	Thu.	District 93 School Board	District Admin Center	7:00 pm
15	Mon.	President's Day Holiday	Municipal Center	CLOSED
16	Tue.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
16	Tue.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
17	Wed.	Library Board	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
22	Mon.	Park District Board	Aldrin Ctr. (391 Illini)	7:00 pm
22	Mon.	Fire Protection District	Fire House #1 (Kuhn Rd.)	7:00 pm
22	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
25	Thu.	District 93 School Board	District Admin. Center	7:00 pm

March:

1	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
1	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
8	Mon.	Bd. of Fire & Police Com.	Municipal Center	7:00 pm
8	Mon.	Park District Board	Aldrin Ctr. (391 Illini)	7:00 pm
8	Mon.	Fire Protection District	Fire House #1 (Kuhn Rd.)	7:00 pm
8	Mon.	Benjamin School Dist. 25	Administration Center	7:00 pm
8	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
11	Thu.	District 93 School Board	Heritage Lakes School	7:00 pm
15	Mon.	Listening Post	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
15	Mon.	Village Board	Municipal Center	8:00 pm
17	Wed.	Library Board	Carol Stream Library	7:30 pm
22	Mon.	Park District Board	Aldrin Ctr. (391 Illini)	7:00 pm
22	Mon.	Fire Protection District	Fire House #1 (Kuhn Rd.)	7:00 pm
22	Mon.	Plan Commission/ZBA	Municipal Center	7:30 pm
25	Thu.	District 93 School Board	District 93 Admin. Center	7:00 pm

Municipal Center Hours:

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

Police Dept. Hours:

24/hrs/day 7 days/week

Phone Numbers:

General	(630) 665-7050
Mayor	(630) 871-6250
Public Works	(630) 871-6260
Police Adm.	(630) 668-2167
Water Billing	(630) 871-6222
Building	(630) 871-6230
TDD	(630) 668-5785

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