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The Village News

Committed to our future ... inspired by our past

Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jeff Pruyn

We all learned as kids that April showers bring May flowers. However, for the Village the end of April also means the close of another year.

Over the past few months the Village board and staff have been busy preparing our budget for the new year which began this month.

Since the economy began its decline, the Village had to cut expenses, which included staff reductions and a freeze on most capital expenditures. The dramatic reduction in revenues left few dollars to allocate to capital improvements. I am pleased to report that the Village has turned the corner and appears to be on the road to financial recovery. Last year the Village Board made some very difficult choices which allowed the Village to begin replenishing our reserves and will provide us with more dollars to fund capital improvements this year.

The improved financial picture has allowed the Village Board to begin the process of planning for our long term capital improvements. As part of this year's budget planning, the Board developed a five year capital improvements plan along with a five year budget plan.

This year's capital improvements include an increase in funding for street resurfacing of approximately \$360,000, allowing us to resurface more streets than we have the past few years. Our resurfacing program

includes Center St. from Cherry St. to Greenview Rd.; Arlington Rd. from Greenview Rd to Division St.; Surrey Ln. from Country Club Dr. to the end; Inverness Ln. from Country Club Dr. to the end; North St. from Arlington Heights Rd. to the east end; and Washington St. from Princeton Ave. to Prospect Ave.

The proposed budget also allocates funds to improve our storm water system. We are planning on increasing the size of two sanitary sewer lines which collect and transport all of the wastewater north of the railroad tracks to our central trunk sewer on the south side of the tracks. This project will reduce the surcharge many of our residents north of the tracks experience during major rain events, thus reducing basement flooding.

This year's proposed budget provides the funding for these necessary projects and does not call for the imposition of any new taxes or fees, and includes only a modest increase of 1.6% in property taxes. The budget also continues the Village's memberships in the convention and visitors bureaus and provides full funding for all our Village festivals.

I hope to see you at one or more of our events this summer. The calendar of events is on page eight. Our first summer event, the annual Memorial Day Parade and ceremonies, is Monday, May 28th.

Please have a safe and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Mayor Jeff Pruyn

Village of Itasca

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Itasca Lions Bring WWII Memorial to Itasca

Our WWII Veterans now number less than three million. We are losing these veterans at the rate of about 1,200 each day. The average age of these veterans is 89 years old. There are thousands of WWII Veterans that are unable to visit the WWII memorial in Washington, D.C.

The group *Pillars of Honor, Inc.*, has secured the original scale model of the National World War II Memorial, allowing veterans to visit the memorial at a location closer to them.

The Itasca Lions Club and Itasca Park District will be sponsoring the WWII Replica Exhibit, beginning with the Pillars of Honor Program on Sunday, July 8 beginning at 2:00 pm at the Park District. We encourage all

WWII Veterans to visit www.pillarsof Honor.org to download a reservation form to be listed in the Pillars of Honor program and be given priority seating. Forms will also be available at Village Hall and Park District. All are welcome, however, WWII veterans will be given first priority.



The display will also be available for viewing to the general public during ItascaFest starting Thursday, July 12th through Saturday, July 14th.

Memorial Day Parade

**Monday May 28th
Step-off at 9:30 am.**

The Grand Marshal will be retiring Peacock Middle School Principal, Dr. Reinhard Nickisch. Join us at Usher Park after the parade for a Memorial Service performed by the V.F.W. Post #5167. Followed by the annual family picnic.



Get To Know Our Service Men and Women

Our Memorial Day parade is in honor of those men and women who have given their lives for our country so that we have the freedoms we have today. Their sacrifice should NEVER be forgotten. This year at the Family Picnic, following the Memorial Day Parade, the Military Families of Itasca will have display boards with the pictures of Itasca service men and women that are on active duty. There

will be a tent set up with photos and other military issue supplies. If there are any Itasca families that have a son, daughter, husband, wife, brother or sister in the Armed Forces, please drop off a photo off at the Village Hall of Itasca or bring a copy to the family picnic so it can be proudly displayed.

For information, please call the Itasca Village Hall at 630-773-0835.



From the Desk of the Administrator

The Village's referendum seeking Home Rule Authority did not pass. First, let me thank all of those who did vote. It was important for the citizens to come out and vote, whether they were for home rule or against it. It was a close election but the tally shows that we have to do a better job educating our citizens on how we are funded, how the State regulates us, what funds we receive from the State and why being a non-home rule community affects all of us.

The Village wanted home rule for financial flexibility; to be able to use portions of the existing hotel tax revenue for non-tourism related activities such as road repairs, storm water improvements and in the general upkeep of our infrastructure. This is not allowed for non-home rule communities.

The Village will still perform these functions, but the future funding for these activities may vary and will depend on us receiving all due funding from the State and/or other revenues increasing. If the State does reduce its funding to balance its budget without other revenues increasing to replace it, it may mean that we will not be able to do all that we would like to, and that it may take longer for the Village to repave its streets or be able to establish quiet zones or afford large, expensive storm water projects. It may mean reductions in services or require the Village to go about its business in other ways. I say, "it may" because we do not know that these things may happen, but we believe that they might, that they are real possibilities and

that we wanted to be prepared if they did happen.

Regardless of our status as home rule or non-home rule, I urge you to remain tuned into the actions of Springfield. They are playing with your tax dollars and mine. Every month that they do not fix their pension problems (teacher's, State workers, police/fire) or fix the worker's compensation laws, they will be spending your money. You send your money to Springfield mainly in the form of income taxes and/or gasoline taxes, etc. So when you read or hear about the State looking to cut funding or change the formulas for the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF), they are mainly talking about taking your money and, instead of distributing it back to Itasca, keeping that money in Springfield. Again, they are talking about your money!

The Electrical Aggregation referendum did pass. The Village will now work with our consultant NIMEC on a bid proposal to find an electricity supplier that lowers the price per kilowatt hour below what ComEd is currently charging. Of course, ComEd will still be your electricity distributor and most likely the company that will send your monthly bill; you will just be paying less. The process requires the Village to adopt a management plan, hold two public hearings, and bid the aggregated contract. All of this takes some time; we anticipate that it will take a few months.

When it does happen, you will receive some information in the mail

offering you the option of opting out of the Village's program. If you wish to stay with ComEd, you are free to do so; or if you have already signed up with another firm you can stay with them as well. **Please be careful!** Companies are sending marketing materials or going door to door trying to get you to sign up with them and offering all kinds of savings. They have not bid their service with the Village and they may or may not be offering you the best price. More information will be posted on the Village's website. If you have any questions, you are always welcome to e-mail or call me.

In general, this aggregation will allow our citizens and small businesses to save a lot of money this year and in the future on their electrical bills. One estimate has that amount as \$650,000.00 for all those involved in the program within the Village.

The last thing on my list is also very important. The Village budget is being discussed. The staff has put together a budget that calls for \$1.4 million dollars in capital expenditures, raises no fees or rates on existing taxes but continues to address strategic goals. The budget includes funding for all current festivals and maintains current service levels. As the main annual policy document of the Village, it spells out where our resources are going to be spent and what we are trying to achieve.

Evan Teich
Village of Itasca Administrator
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Village Openings

The Village of Itasca is seeking to fill vacancies on Boards, Committees, and Commissions with interested citizens who have some background, experience or interest in the following:

- Historical Commission
- Police Commission
- Youth Council

If interested, please provide a letter of interest and a resume to the attention of:
Mayor Jeffery Pruyn
Village of Itasca
550 W. Irving Park Road
Itasca, IL 60143
jpruyn@itasca.com

Reading Is So Delicious!

Summer Reading Club for children, teens, and adults May 29 - August 6

Read books and earn prizes this summer...details at the library.

The library presents a buffet of delicious programs this summer! Below are the featured main course offerings for all ages:

Team Iron Chef Wednesday, June 6, 7:00 pm

Get your team together and register for our Team Iron Chef Competition. Similar to the television series, your team will be challenged to create a tasty masterpiece using the secret ingredient. Teams can include 2-6 people. For more details or to register online, go to www.itascalibrary.org/programs.

Delicious Dash Through Itasca Monday, June 25, 6:00 pm

If you missed last summer's Family Quest, you will want to be sure to sign up for the Delicious Dash! Teams will embark on an expedition around Itasca to see if they can complete the themed-challenges. The Delicious Dash is recommended for children entering first

grade and older, but younger children may participate. There must be at least one adult registered per family. Registration at the Youth Help Desk is required.

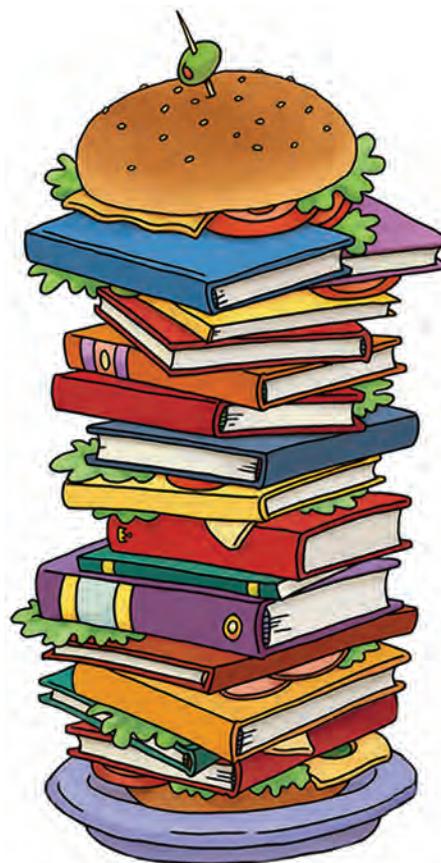
Healthy Cooking with Your Kids Monday, July 9, 7:00 pm

Andrew Comens will be sharing more of his economical recipes that the whole family can enjoy!

Bring the kids and learn how to prepare these healthy, kid-friendly foods: hummus dip with carrots and celery, tuna salad with minced vegetables, and mini pita pizzas with or without meat. Recipes and samples will be provided. Space is limited!

Edible Books Competition Thursday, July 19, 7:00 pm

Participants create an "edible book," which can be inspired by a favorite tale, involve a pun on a famous title, or simply be in the shape of a book. All entries will be presented, judged, then EATEN! For examples, see the University of Illinois Edible Books Festival website: <http://www.library.illinois.edu/ediblebooks>. Adults and teens can register online at www.itascalibrary.org/programs. No registration is required to view and sample the entries!



Recycling Opportunities in Itasca

Both the Itasca Community Library and the Village of Itasca have been awarded Earth Flags for their environmental efforts. The Library continues to accept the following items for recycling or proper disposal:

- Batteries
- Bottle caps
- Flags
- Ink cartridges
- Cell phones

The Village of Itasca has a drop box for household batteries (no rechargeables, please) in the lobby of the Village Hall, along with a drop box for prescription medicines in front of the Itasca Police Station. There is a collection box for eye glasses and hearing aids maintained by the Itasca Lions Club at the Itasca Train Station.

Other drop-off locations for materials include the Itasca Park District, which

accepts ink cartridges and cell phones, and Saint Peter's Church, which has a collection box for paper (newspaper, inserts, magazines, catalogs, mail; no cardboard, food boxes, chipboard, hard cover books, phonebooks).

If you know of another collection/drop-off site in town for various materials, please e-mail the information to: Fred Maier (fmaier@itasca.com).

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Business Openings and Expansions in Itasca

Please join us in welcoming the following businesses who moved to or expanded in Itasca in February and March 2012.

Installation Specialists, Inc. 1310 Hamilton Parkway

Installation Specialists is one of the nation's leading office furniture installation companies. They are relocating their headquarters from Elk Grove Village and centralizing their operations to a 149,000 square foot facility at 1310 Hamilton Parkway in Itasca. With this move, Industrial Specialists is bringing 130 jobs to Itasca.

Platinum Converting 1141 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.

Platinum Converting is an existing Itasca business located at 851 Expressway Dr. The company is a print finisher employing approximately 135 people. The 1141 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. location will serve as overflow warehousing space for the company.

Fish Window Cleaning 401 W. Irving Park Rd.

Fish Window Cleaning provides commercial and residential window cleaning services.

Jackson Automotive Specialties 1523 Industrial Dr.

Jackson Automotive Specialties provides sales and installation of aftermarket automotive equipment.

Comprehensive Plan Update

The Village of Itasca is working with residents, businesses, local organizations, and others to draft a new Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan will serve as a guide for the growth and development of Itasca over the next twenty years and will cover topics such as: land use and development; transportation; parks and open space; community facilities and infrastructure; and economic development.

As an Itasca resident, you are invited to be part of the planning process. Visit the project website at www.hlplanning.com/itasca to learn more about what the Comprehensive Plan is, take part in a web-based questionnaire and use an interactive on-line map to provide input. Also, keep an eye out for future updates regarding workshops where you can come out and share your thoughts, concerns, and aspirations for Itasca.

The Chicago Scots Present the 26th Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games

Promoting Chicago's Scottish Tradition, Revelry, and Culture in a Weekend Celebration for the Entire Family!

The Illinois Saint Andrew Society is proud to present one of the most unique and well-known festivals in the Midwest, the Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games! The festival will be held June 15-16, 2012 at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca, Illinois.

This two-day summer celebration offers an extensive array of Scottish and festival attractions including: Champion Supreme Piping and Drumming competition; Heavy Athletics U.S. Open Championship, Highland Dance competition; Rugby Sevens Highland Challenge; Coerver Cup 3 versus 3 soccer tournament; traditional and Celtic rock live musical performances; Genealogy and cultural exhibits; Parade of Clan Tartans; children's activities;

Dogs of Scotland and other animal presentations; variety of attendee competitions including the Kilted Mile Run, British Car Show, Haggis Hurling Contest for women, Knobbly Knees contest for men, Haggis Eating Contest and Shortbread Contest; traditional Scottish cuisine; Scotch whisky tastings and seminars and shopping in the Celtic Marketplace.

Police Department

Police Chief Scott Heher

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McGruff Safehouse Program Discontinued

In February, the Itasca Police Department was notified by the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) and the National McGruff Safehouse Network that the McGruff Safehouse Program was being discontinued. This popular program reportedly fell victim to technology. The ubiquitous nature of portable communication devices, GPS tracking of children and instant access to 9-1-1 call centers has unfortunately rendered the program obsolete.

During March, letters were sent to our nearly 100 McGruff Safehouse volunteers notifying them of the program's termination, and our Neighborhood Police Officers began the process of collecting the McGruff Safehouse signs.

The McGruff Safehouse Program was originally launched in the State of Utah in 1982. Over the years, the program achieved national prominence and was a result of longstanding

public-private partnerships between the National McGruff Safehouse Network, the Utah Council for Crime Prevention (UCCP), the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC), the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance, law enforcement agencies, volunteers and community-based organizations across the country.

The Itasca Police Department and the National Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) will continue to have numerous resources available in your crime prevention efforts. You can visit us at www.itasca.com or www.ncpc.org for additional information.

On behalf of the Itasca Police Department, thank you for making Itasca's children safer by participating in the McGruff Safehouse Program. Our volunteers make our neighborhoods safer, protect our children from harm and reduce crime in our community.

Additionally, the Itasca Police Department appreciates the work our



community partners have done over the years and will do in the years to come to help us "Take a Bite Out Of Crime." If you have any questions or I can be of further service please feel free to contact me at 630-773-1004 or via e-mail at sheher@itasca.com.

Subaru gives Itasca Police Department New 2012 Impreza

In March, Subaru of America provided the Itasca Police Department with another sleek 2012 Impreza WRX STI. This marks the third, no cost vehicle lease provided to the Itasca Police Department by Subaru. This year's vehicle will be emblazoned with the "If You See Something, Say Something" theme in support of the nationwide public awareness campaign to raise public awareness and emphasize the importance of reporting suspicious activity to local law enforcement authorities.

"The Itasca Police Department's community outreach efforts are further illustrated through its partnership with Subaru of America. With its Great Lakes Regional headquarters in Itasca, Subaru of America has been a tremendous community partner and a valued corporate citizen for years," said Chief Scott Heher.

The Impreza WRX STI is an eye-catching vehicle and appeals to drivers of all ages. Each Impreza has been a

tremendous hit and has earned many awards at local car shows. It continues to be among the most photographed vehicles at the Chicago Auto Show held at McCormick Place in February.



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Severe Weather and Tornado Preparedness

With the arrival of abnormally warm springtime weather, the risk of severe weather, including damaging thunderstorms and dangerous tornados, increases dramatically. We have already experienced the affects of dangerous weather systems when a powerful tornado tore through the town of Harrisburg in southern Illinois on February 29, 2012. The National Weather Service listed the twister that hit Harrisburg as an EF4, the second-highest rating given to twisters based on damage. Scientists said it was 200 yards wide with winds up to 170 mph. The tornado cut a wide path of destruction and claimed seven lives.

Tornado siren activations are typically dependant on tornado warnings issued by the National Weather Service. Severe weather conditions often change rapidly and can be difficult to precisely predict. Due to the current limitations of storm forecasting, outdoor warning systems cannot always be activated when dangerous weather conditions are present. In spite of the best efforts and procedures employed by public safety agencies and weather forecasters, no outdoor warning system is 100% accurate.

The Village of Itasca, in conjunction with the Itasca Fire Protection District, has an outdoor warning system to alert residents within the Village and fire protection district. The purpose

of our outdoor warning system is to notify citizens of the approach of severe weather or other emergencies when immediate shelter should be sought. Additionally, our outdoor warning system will provide residents with the benefit of receiving notice of the approach of severe weather or other emergencies when they are outdoors and away from more traditional communications means, such as radio and television.

The Illinois Emergency Services and Disaster Act of 1988 requires monthly testing of the outdoor warning system. Testing of the outdoor warning system will require the activation of the "Alert" signal, or a continuous tone, for a period of one (1) minute. Accordingly, monthly testing of the outdoor warning system will commence on the first Tuesday of each month at 10:00 am. Additional testing may occur during disaster training exercises that are specifically and expressly approved in advance by the Illinois Emergency Service and Disaster Agency. In the event additional disaster training occurs requiring the activation of the outdoor warning system, advance notice will be provided to our residents.

While our outdoor warning sirens will be sounded as soon as possible according to set guidelines, the public should not exclusively rely on these systems for severe weather warnings.



The public must take personal responsibility for being aware of current weather conditions and, when threatening conditions are present, be prepared to take shelter. Besides outdoor warning sirens, the combined use of NOAA weather radios, local news media and public education must be part of a well-rounded severe warning system.

Experts predict that for the foreseeable future, disasters, whether natural or man made, will occur more frequently, will be more destructive and will require more and better coordination of response resources. Our outdoor warning system is an important component of the Village's overall emergency management and disaster preparedness programs.

If you have any questions or comments please feel free to contact me at 630-773-1004 or via e-mail at sheher@itasca.com.

Pamela Ecklund Retirement

In April, the Itasca Police Department bid farewell to another long term employee of the Village after Administrative Assistant Pamela Ecklund retired with nearly 29 years of service to the community.

Pam started her career with the Itasca Police Department on September 6, 1983 as a police dispatcher. She transitioned to the chief's secretary position and later served as the

department's administrative assistant.

Pam said: "I have so many wonderful memories of my nearly 29 years at the police department, especially the last nine years. The police department has a terrific group of employees who work well with each other and because of that, the Village of Itasca is a great and safe place to live, work and play. I will always cherish the many memories I have from these past years."

Pam will be relocating to Missouri to be closer to her family and grandchildren.

The Itasca Police Department thanks Pam for her many contributions and unwavering commitment to the department and wishes her well in retirement.



Calendar of Events

MAY

Monday, May 28
Memorial Day Parade
9:30 am step-off

The Grand Marshal will be retiring Peacock Middle School Principal, Dr. Reinhard Nickisch. Join us at Usher Park after the parade for a Memorial Service performed by the V.F.W. Post #5167.

JUNE

Thursday evenings starting June 14
Root Beer Float Nights

Bring your raft or float and enjoy a Root Beer Float every Thursday evening starting June 14 at the Itasca Waterpark. \$2 per RB Float, regular admission applies.

Saturday, June 16
8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Community-Wide Garage Sale
Register at the Park District.

Friday, June 15, 4:00 pm - 10 pm and
Saturday, June 16, 8:00 am - 9:00 pm
Highland Games
Hamilton Lakes

JULY

Wednesday, July 4
Fireworks
5:00 pm
Hamilton Complex

Friday, July 13
ItascaFest 3on3 Basketball Tournament
for kids ages 9-17 Team fee: \$50

Saturday, July 14
ItascaFest 3on3 Basketball Tournament
for 18 & Up. Team fee: \$75

Friday, July 20
Daddy Daughter Dive Date
6:30 pm
Dads bring your daughter(s) for a hilarious night of limbo, water balloon toss, hula hoop and dinner at the Itasca Waterpark! Fee: \$20 per couple

Wednesday, July 25
Subaru Car Show
5:30-8:30 pm
Orchard Street

Saturday, July 28
Free Family Dive-In Movie!
7:00-10:30 pm
Bring your rafts and watch *Free Willy* at the Itasca Waterpark

Monday, July 30
Junior Golf Tournament
for ages 9-17.
Sponsored by Itasca Bank & Trust
Salt Creek Golf Course, Wood Dale
Fee: \$35 for 9-hole & \$45 for 18-hole,
includes lunch and raffle!

AUGUST

Friday, August 3
Mother-Son-set Swim
6:30 pm
Enjoy a great night of games, contests, prizes, and dinner at the Itasca Waterpark. Fee: \$20 per couple

Tuesday, August 7
National Night Out
5:00 pm
At the Waterpark and Municipal Complex. Free fun for the whole family: Waterpark entry, appetizers, entertainment, raffle and more!



Music at the Gazebo

Sponsored by the Village of Itasca
Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm

June 13
Mr. Myers: Caribbean/Reggae

June 27
The Flat Cats: Jazz/Blues

July 11
The Penny Mae Dixon Band:
Country

July 25
New Odyssey: Wide variety cover
band (30 different instruments)

Aug 8
Spoken Four: Rock (70's and later)



The Itasca Waterpark opens on weekends beginning May 26th and opens daily beginning June 4th. Buy season passes early and save!

For Itasca Waterpark information, visit: www.itasca.com/waterpark

www.itasca.com

Day Camps, Sports Camps and Nature Camps are going all summer long! Visit www.itascaparkdistrict.com for more information.

Join the Itasca Park District Giving Tree Campaign! Have a beautifully engraved leaf, acorn, or stone permanently displayed on our bronze tree at the Itasca Rec & Fitness Center. Visit: www.itasca.com/givingtree for more information.

Itasca Fest 2012

Washington Park • 350 E. Irving Park Road
Free Admission and Parking

Thursday, July 12

Family Day

- 6:00 – 11:00 pm Food Vendors & Itasca Lions Club Pavilion
6:00 – 9:00 pm WWII Memorial Replica Exhibit
6:00 – 10:30 pm Indoor Cash Bingo
6:00 – 10:30 pm Carnival Hand Stamp Special
(unlimited rides with advance purchase)
7:00 – 10:30 pm **The Aunt Janet Band**

Friday, July 13

- 9:00 am– 4:30 pm Youth 3on3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by Hamilton Partners
6:00 – 9:00 pm WWII Memorial Replica Exhibit
6:00 – Midnight Food Vendors & Itasca Lions Club Pavilion
6:00 – 11:00 pm Indoor Cash Bingo
6:00 – Midnight Carnival Rides & Games
7:00 – 9:30 pm **Sammy Ray featuring Texas Flood Blues**
10:00 – Midnight **Howard and the White Boys**

Saturday, July 14

- 8:00 am– 4:30 pm Antique Flea Market located in Usher Park
9:00 am– 5:00 pm Adult 3on3 Basketball Tournament sponsored by Hamilton Partners
Noon – Midnight Food Vendors & Itasca Lions Club Pavilion
Noon – 8:00 pm WWII Memorial Replica Exhibit
1:00 – 5:00 pm Carnival Hand Stamp Special
(unlimited rides with advance purchase)
Noon – 5:00 pm Lester's Learn 'n Play
Children's activities
2:00 – 6:00 pm Kids Entertainment, Pony Wheel & Petting Zoo
sponsored by Itasca Bank and Trust
1:00 – 11:00 pm Indoor Cash Bingo
2:00 – 5:00 pm **DJ Terry Salat Music and Karoke**
6:00 – 9:00 pm **Blue Moon Swamp**
10:00 – Midnight **Kashmir**

Sunday, July 15

- Noon – 11:00 pm Food Vendors & Itasca Lions Club Pavilion
Noon – 8:00 pm WWII Memorial Replica Exhibit
Noon – 5:00 pm Lester's Learn 'n Play
Children's activities
Noon Fishing Contest Awards
1:00 – 5:00 pm Carnival Hand Stamp Special
(unlimited rides with advance purchase)
1:00 – 4:00 pm Itasca Health Fair
located in the Park District Gym
1:00 – 9:00 pm Indoor Cash Bingo
2:00 – 6:00 pm Classic Car Show
2:00 – 6:00 pm Kids Entertainment, Pony Wheel & Petting Zoo
sponsored by Itasca Bank and Trust
2:00 – 5:00 pm **DJ Terry Salat Music and Karoke**
6:00 – 9:00 pm **Bad Medicine**
8:30 – 10:30 pm **American English Beatles Tribute Band**

Friends of Itasca Fest 2012

The Itasca Lions Club has a program which every resident and business owner can be involved in – it is called “Friends of the Fest.” Itasca Fest is July 12 through July 15, 2012.

“Friends of the Fest” is a way to contribute to the Itasca Lions Club and

help support Itasca Fest. There are three levels of contribution: Bronze – \$25.00, Silver – \$50.00, and Gold – \$100.00+ for residents; and Bronze – \$100.00, Silver – \$250.00, and Gold – \$500.00+ for businesses.

To participate, contact Dan Kompanowski at 630-361-4064. Your name and/or business name will be proudly displayed at Itasca Fest as one of the supporters.

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The Village of Itasca Recognizes Two Itasca Businesses for Leadership in Environmentally Sustainable Business Practices

The Village of Itasca recently recognized two Itasca businesses for their leadership in environmentally sustainable business practices. Hamilton Partners and Second Systems, Inc. were formally recognized by the Village Board of Trustees at the Tuesday, April 17 Village Board meeting.

“Hamilton Partners and Second Systems are models of how environmentally sustainable business practices and operations can help improve the bottom line,” said Itasca Trustee Lucy Santorsola, chair of Itasca’s Green Team. “Two years ago the Village Board created the Green Team to increase the environmental sustainability of Itasca. One of the resulting strategies identified by the Green Team is to identify and recognize Itasca businesses who are leaders in environmentally sustainable business practices. This is the second year in a row we have recognized Itasca businesses for their work.”

Hamilton Partners owns and operates one of the region’s premier office parks, the Hamilton Lakes Business Park near Thorndale and I-290 in Itasca. Two of the park’s flagship buildings, 1 Pierce Place and 500 Park, have achieved Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold Certification. Additionally, the majority of the buildings in the park have achieved

Energy Star Certification with energy efficiency ratings better than 90 percent of similar buildings nationwide. The park also requires no outside water for irrigation because it catches and stores rainwater on-site for use in irrigation.

“Hamilton Partners is honored to receive this recognition from the Village of Itasca,” said Rick Staback, Senior Asset Manager of Hamilton Partners. “Less than 1% of buildings in DuPage County are LEED certified – Hamilton Lakes has two of them. LEED is the internationally recognized standard in green building design, construction, operations and maintenance. Both of our buildings have achieved Gold Certification – the second highest certification under LEED.”

Second Systems, Inc. specializes in new and remanufactured office furniture sales, design, and installation. Their showroom and headquarters are located at 1040 W. Thorndale in Itasca.



Ron Lunt (Hamilton Partners), Lucy Santorsola, Fred Sanders (Second Systems), Jeff Pruyn and Mark Hamilton (Hamilton Partners).

Second Systems recently partnered with ComEd’s Small Business Energy Savings program to undertake a full lighting retrofit of their facility. The energy efficient lighting retrofit resulted in improved lighting quality and significant energy savings.

“The energy efficient lighting retrofit we undertook has been great for us and for our customers,” said Fred Sanders, Co-owner of Second Systems. “ComEd’s Small Business Energy Savings program provided us with the technical assistance and financial incentives that made our retrofit possible. We expect significant energy savings due to this improvement.”

Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Monday: Plan Commission Review – 6:30 pm preceding the third Wednesday of the month

Tuesday: 1st Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm
2nd Tuesday – Committee of the Whole – 7:00 pm
3rd Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm
4th Tuesday – Committee of the Whole – 7:00 pm

Wednesday: 2nd Wednesday – School District #10 – 7:00 pm
3rd Wednesday – Plan Commission – 7:00 pm
3rd Wednesday – Peer Jury – as Scheduled

Thursday: 1st Thursday – Historical Commission (as needed) – 7:00 pm
3rd Thursday – Historical Commission 7:00 pm

Friday: No Meetings Scheduled

Tips for Outdoor Water Conservation

In DuPage County, the average person uses 106 gallons of water each day. Approximately 31% of this water is used for outdoor purposes.

Small steps in outdoor water use can save a lot of water

Efficient water use can cut down on water waste and still provide water for plants and turf. Outdoor water efficiency is especially important during the hot summer months when as much as 50% of home water consumption is for watering lawns and gardens.

- A typical Illinois lawn needs about 1- 1 ½ inches of water each week,

including rain according to www.gardenillinois.com.

- In Illinois, cool season grasses can go dormant during hot, dry weather without watering and recover when growing conditions improve in the late summer or early autumn.
- Overwatering causes runoff, wastes water, and carries fertilizers and other chemicals into the sewer system.
- Rain gauges are devices designed to measure how much rain was received at a specific location over a designated period of time. Rain gauges are easy to use and can act as an accurate way to measure how much water plants

are getting over time. Use your rain gauge to monitor how much rain was received at your house. Keep track of weekly rainfall totals to determine whether your lawn needs additional water.

- A rain barrel is a water tank which is used to collect and store rainwater runoff, typically from rooftops. Instead of running down driveways and sidewalks to sewers, rainwater falls into a rain barrel where it can be stored for use in gardens and for house plants. They are a simple, efficient, low-cost method for homeowners to conserve water.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

The new Village of Itasca Wastewater Treatment Plant, located at 415 Prospect Avenue in Itasca, is 99% operational. From the groundbreaking ceremonies on November 2, 2009, it has been a long project, and the largest public works project the Village has ever undertaken. Not unlike open-heart surgery, Village employees were required to keep the old treatment plant on-line, operational and running 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, throughout the entire construction process, then transfer all operations over to the new treatment plant without stopping the flow from the Village sanitary sewers.

The new plant is now up and running. Public Works Director Ross Hitchcock reports that the plant is 99% operational, and that the final punch list of items should be completed very soon. Though Village staff has been running the facility for well over one month, there has not yet been a date selected for an official grand opening of the plant.

But a special group of visitors were

granted a “behind the scenes” tour on May 11th. The Itasca 5th Graders, as a part of their annual Village tour, got a guided walk through the new facility. They started where the sewage entered the plant, and followed the

flow through the treatment processes, ending at the point where the cleaned, treated effluent is discharged from the plant. While not viewed as a highlight by most of the students, it was the most memorable part of the tour for many.



Fifth graders get a “behind the scenes” tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant

Village of Itasca Water Quality Report 2012

Keeping you informed on water quality in your community

About this report

The Village of Itasca wants all consumers to be aware of what is being done to insure that the water you use is safe for you and your family. The Village of Itasca currently meets or exceeds all water quality standards set by the United States and Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. These agencies developed the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA), which sets the standards for water quality and monitors compliance. This report summarizes the quality of water for the period of January 1 to December 31, 2011, including details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to standards set by the regulatory agencies.

If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water system, please contact Glen Sullivan, Water & Wastewater Superintendent, at 630-773-5571. We want our valued customers to be informed about their water quality. If you would like to learn more, please feel welcome to attend any of the Village's regularly scheduled board meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 550 W Irving Park Road. This report will be available on the Village website www.itasca.com

Source Water Information

The Village of Itasca receives Lake Michigan source water from the DuPage Water Commission. This surface water supply is treated by the City of Chicago, sold to the DuPage Water Commission (DWC), and then purchased by the Village for use by residents, businesses and visitors using water from the water supply.

Lake Michigan is the primary source of water used to provide drinking water to the Village of Itasca. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has found the quality of Lake Michigan has improved dramatically over the past 20 years. Since the quality of the raw water source is

The Village of Itasca currently meets or exceeds all water quality standards set by the United States and Illinois EPA.

good, conventional treatment methods of disinfection, coagulation and sedimentation, and sand filtration are adequate in producing water that is free of harmful contaminants.

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and groundwater wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

Contaminants may be present in source water

- Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban storm water runoff, industrial, or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as

agriculture, urban storm water runoff, and residential uses. Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

- Radioactive contaminants, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. FDA regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which must provide the same protection for public health. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population.

Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800) 426-4791.

Source Water Assessment Availability

The source water assessment for our supply has been completed by the Illinois EPA. If you would like a copy of this information, please stop by the Village Hall or call Glen Sullivan at 630-773-5571. To view a summary version of the completed Source Water Assessments, including: Importance of Source Water; Susceptibility to

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Contamination Determination; and documentation/recommendation of Source Water Protection Efforts, you may access the Illinois EPA website at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/cgi-bin/wp/swap-fact-sheets.pl>

The Illinois EPA considers all surface water sources of community water supply to be susceptible to potential pollution problems. The very nature of surface water allows contaminants to migrate into the intake with no protection only dilution. This is the reason for mandatory treatment for all surface water supplies in Illinois.

**If you have any questions about this report or concerns about your water system, please contact
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Water & Wastewater
Superintendent,
at 630-773-5571**

Chicago's offshore intakes are located at a distance that shoreline impacts are not usually considered a factor

on water quality. At certain times of the year however, the potential for contamination exists due to wet-weather flows and river reversals. In addition, the placement of the crib structures may serve to attract waterfowl, gulls and terns that frequent the Great Lakes area, thereby concentrating fecal deposits at the intake and thus compromising the source water quality. Conversely, the shore intakes are highly susceptible to storm water runoff, marinas and shoreline point sources due to the influx of groundwater to the lake.

Definition of Terms

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Level Found: This column represents an average of sample result data collected during the CCR calendar year. In some cases, it may represent a single sample if only one sample was collected.

Range of Detections: This column represents a range of individual sample results from lowest to highest that were collected during the CCR calendar year.

Date of Sample: If a date appears in this column, the Illinois EPA requires monitoring for this contaminant less than once per year because the concentrations do not frequently change. If no date appears in the column, monitoring for this contaminant was conducted during the Consumer Confidence Report calendar year.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of disinfectant allowed in drinking water.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDLG): The level of disinfectant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Abbreviations

Avg.:	Regulatory compliance with some JCLs are based on running annual average of monthly samples.
nd:	not detectable at testing limits.
n/a:	not applicable.
ppm:	parts per million or milligrams per liter.
ppb:	parts per billion or micrograms per liter.
ppt:	parts per trillion, or nanograms per liter.
ppq:	parts per quadrillion, or picograms per liter.
mg/l:	milligrams per litre or parts per million, or one ounce in 7,350 gallons of water.
ug/l:	micrograms per litre or parts per billion, or one ounce in 7,350,000 gallons of water.
NTU:	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit, used to measure cloudiness in drinking water.
% < 0.5 NTU:	Percent samples less than 0.5 NTU.
MFL:	Million fibers per liter, used to measure asbestos concentration.
mrem/yr:	millirems per year, used to measure radiation absorbed by the body.
pCi/l:	picocuries per liter, used to measure radioactivity.
# pos/mo:	number of positive samples per month.
% pos/mo:	percent positive samples per month.

WATER QUALITY TABLE

Microbial Contaminants / City of Chicago Results

Turbidity – Regulated at the Water Treatment Plant – Information Statement: Turbidity is a measurement of the cloudiness of the water caused by suspended particles. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of water quality and the effectiveness of our filtration system and disinfectants.

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
TURBIDITY (%<0.3 NTU) Soil runoff. Lowest monthly percent meeting limit.	n/a	TT	99.50%	99.50%-100.000%		
TURBIDITY (NTU) Soil runoff. Highest single measurement.	n/a	TT=1NTUmax	0.86	n/a		

Inorganic Contaminants / City of Chicago Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
BARIUM (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.	2	2	0.0208	0.0201 – 0.0208		
NITRATE (AS NITROGEN) (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.44	0.39 – 0.44		
TOTAL NITRATE & NITRITE (ppm) Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.	10	10	0.44	0.39 – 0.44		

TOC (Total Organic Carbon)

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month and the system met all TOC removal requirements set by IEPA

Inorganic Contaminants / Village of Itasca Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
ARSENIC (ppb) Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards; Runoff from glass and electronics production wastes.	0	10	2.18	2.00 – 2.18	n	
BARIUM (ppm) Discharge of drilling wastes; Discharge from metal refineries. Erosion of natural deposits.	2	2	0.0275	0.0208 – 0.0275	n	
IRON (ppb) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits		1.0	2.79	2.79 – 2.79	n	
MANGANESE (ppb) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits	150	150	122	41.6 – 122	n	
ZINC (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits	5	5	.00515	.00515 - .00515		03/24/08

Inorganic Contaminants / Village of Itasca Results

Contaminant Source of Contamination	MCLG	Action Level(AL)	90th Percentile	# Sites Over
COPPER Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits.	1.3 ppm	1.3 ppm	.22 ppm	0

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. We are responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but we cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

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Disinfection/Disinfectant By-Products / Village of Itasca Results

Contaminant Source of Contamination	MCLG	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
CHLORINE (as Cl ₂) Drinking water disinfectant.	MRDLG=4	MRDLG=4	0.5	0.3667 – 0.5556	No	01/01/2011
TOTAL HALOACETIC ACIDS By-product of drinking water chlorination. (HAA5)	no goal for the total	60	18	17.62 – 17.62	No	
TTHMs By-product of drinking water chlorination. (Total Trihalomethanes)	no goal for the total	80	48	48.4 – 48.4	No	

Note: Not all sample results may have been used for calculating the Highest Level Detected because some results may be part of an evaluation to determine where compliance sampling should occur in the future.

State Regulated Contaminants / City of Chicago Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Level Found	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
FLUORIDE (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth.	4	4	0.92	0.81 – 0.92		

State Regulated Contaminants / Village of Itasca Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
SODIUM (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; Used as water softener.	n/a	n/a	116	86.1 – 0.92		
FLUORIDE (ppm) Water additive which promotes strong teeth.	4	4	0.251	0.195 – 0.251		

Fluoride: Fluoride is added to the water supply to help promote strong teeth. The Illinois Department of Public Health recommends an optimal fluoride range of 0.9 mg/ to 1.2 mg/l.

Sodium: There is not a state of federal MCL for sodium. Monitoring is required to provide information to consumers and health officials that are concerned about sodium intake due to dietary precautions. If you are on a sodium-restricted diet, you should consult a physician about this level of sodium in the water.

Radioactive Contaminants / City of Chicago Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
COMBINED RADIUM (226/228) (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	5	1.38	1.300 – 1.380		03/17/08
GROSS ALPHA excluding radon and uranium (pCi/l) Decay of natural and man-made deposits.	0	15	0.88	0.090 – 0.880		03/17/08

Radioactive Contaminants / Village of Itasca Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
COMBINED RADIUM 226/228 (pCi/l) Erosion of natural and man-made deposits.	0	5	3.04	1.13 – 3.04	n	

Unregulated Contaminants / City of Chicago Results

Contaminant (unit of measurement) Typical Source of Contaminant	MCGL	MCL	Highest Level	Range of Detection	Violation	Date of Sample
SULFATE (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits.	n/a	n/a	16.1	14.4 – 16.1		
SODIUM (ppm) Erosion of naturally occurring deposits; used as water softener.	n/a	n/a	6.64	6.63 – 6.64		

Unregulated Contaminants: A maximum contaminant level (MCL) for this contaminant has not been established by either state or federal regulations, nor has mandatory health effects language. The purpose for monitoring this contaminant is to assist USEPA in determining the occurrence of unregulated contaminants in drinking water, and whether future regulation is warranted.

UNREGULATED CONTAMINANT MONITORING RULE II (UCMR II) Our water system was required to monitor for all contaminants required under the Unregulated Contaminant Monitoring Rule II (UCMR II). Started in 2009, monitoring under UCMR II was completed in 2011, with none of the contaminants detected. Inquiries and results may be obtained by calling the Water Quality Division office at (312) 742-7499

We would like to hear from you!

As a resident of Itasca, my comment or question is ...

Please drop off or mail to:

Village of Itasca, 550 W. Irving Park Rd., Itasca, IL 60143

Please include your name, address, and telephone number if you require a response.

or e-mail us at feedback@itasca.com

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