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# The Village News

*Committed to our future ... inspired by our past*

## Message from the Mayor



*Mayor Jeff Pruyn*

**H**appy New Year. I hope you all enjoyed the Holidays. The Village ended 2015 on a high note. After several years of hard work by our staff, we finally were granted a Metra Quiet Zone in late December. The many trains that travel through Itasca each and every day will no longer be required to sound their horns from Prospect Ave to I-290. The engineers of the trains can and will still blow their horns if needed, but they will no longer be required to use the horn. It has been a long journey, but we will enjoy the benefits of this success for many years to come. I would like to thank Village staff and the Village Board on this accomplishment; they worked hard and diligently to make this happen.

This year will be another busy year for us working to protect and improve our quality of life. We are diligently working on two issues that will continue to affect our community in the future. Last year I informed all of you that the Chicago Department of Aviation was working with the O'Hare Noise Compatibility Commission (ONCC) to develop a runway rotation plan for the overnight hours. To date, the ONCC Fly Quiet Subcommittee has met several times to discuss possible runway rotation alternatives. Since the ONCC and Chicago Department of Aviation do not model these potential rotation proposals to determine the true impact they will have on the surrounding communities, the Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC), of which Itasca is a member, hired and is paying for an aviation expert to perform the

modelling. We feel it is important to know the full impact of any proposal before we make a decision on which runway rotation plan is best for all of the communities surrounding O'Hare Airport. The modelling should be completed by the end of April, and will be presented to SOC and the ONCC. The ONCC and the Chicago Department of Aviation plan to present a recommended rotation proposal to the Federal Aviation Administration sometime in the spring.

The second issue is a recently announced plan by Commonwealth Edison to construct a high voltage electric transmission line from the Itasca substation to Bartlett. The proposed transmission line would consist of 130' to 170' tall utility poles running along the south side of the Elgin O'Hare Expressway, the side closest to most of our homes. And in the future, Commonwealth Edison could construct another set of poles that would run along the north side of the Expressway. ComEd has held several open house meetings, including one at the Itasca Village Hall on February 11<sup>th</sup>, regarding this project. At these meetings ComEd explained that the need for this transmission line is driven not by a need for increased electricity demand but for reliability needs. Itasca is currently working with several other communities affected by this project to explore what options are available in order for us to dispute the need for this project. We will keep you posted.

I want to ensure to all of you that the Trustees, the Village staff and I are doing everything we can to lessen the impact the Airport and ComEd have on your quality of life. I wish all of you a happy and prosperous 2016.

## Village of Itasca – 2016 Water & Sewer Rates

Starting January 1, 2016, water and sewer rates have increased over the previously published rates. The Village of Itasca's dedication to providing citizens and community members with reliable, sustainable, and safe drinking water (as well as environmentally safe treatment of wastewater) has led the Village Board to proactively address this issue. A recent annual water and sewer rate study found that the Village has continued to experience annual declines in water usage of about 2.5% or an estimated \$162,000 per year. The cost to annually operate the water and sewer fund, as well as, complete the critical capital projects that have been identified for improvement in the near future, has put additional strain on the fund. These revenue deficits and annual expenditure requirements have resulted in necessary action to address revenue shortfalls. The Village Board has reluctantly taken a measured approach to closing this revenue gap over the next few years by implementing modest increases. The chart below shows currently projected rates through 2018.

**Question: When will I see this increase on my water bill?**

Answer: The January 1, 2016 increase will be reflected on the March 1, 2016 water bill. The March 1<sup>st</sup> bill is for water used during the month of January.

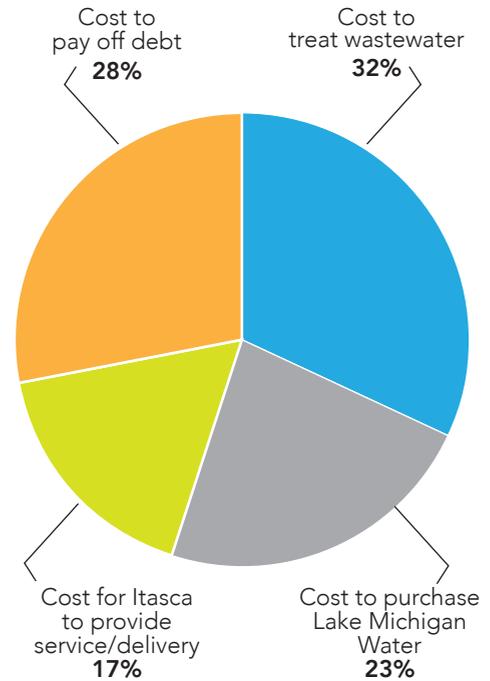
**Question: How much is the 2016 water and sewer rate increase?**

Answer: Combined W&S of \$1.43/1,000 gallons of water usage and average monthly combined fee of \$6.95 for customers with a 1" or less service line size. The only change to the 2015 posted rates is the fixed fee rates, which averaged an increase per month per residential account of \$4.40 over the previously posted rates for the month fixed fees.

**Question: What is the impact of this increase?**

Answer: A household that uses an average of 4,000 gallons of water per month will pay an additional \$5.72 per month in Volumetric Rates in 2016, compared to what it cost for the same usage with the 2015 water and sewer rate. Adding in the addition to the OMA and OM monthly fixed fee increase of \$6.95 per month for residents, this customer would see an increase of \$12.67 for that month's water bill.

## Where does my money go?



CALENDAR YEAR	2016	2017	2018
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**VOLUMETRIC RATES: Charged Per 1,000 Gallons Used**

Water Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	\$9.41	\$10.13	\$10.90
Sewer Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	\$8.99	\$9.68	\$10.42

**MONTHLY FIXED FEES: Charged per month per active account**

**OMA: Water Service and Availability**

up to 1" service line	\$11.50	\$12.36	\$13.29
1.25-1.5" service line	\$14.38	\$17.00	\$19.94
2" service line	\$17.25	\$21.63	\$26.58

**OM: Sewer Service and Availability**

up to 1" service line	\$13.50	\$14.51	\$15.60
1.25-1.5" service line	\$16.88	\$19.95	\$23.40
2" service line	\$20.25	\$25.39	\$31.20

## How to Conserve Water

Check for hidden water leaks. Read the house water meter before and after a two-hour period when no water is being used. If the meter does not read exactly the same, there is a leak.

Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If, without flushing, the color begins to appear in the bowl within 30 minutes, you have a leak that should be repaired immediately.

Purchase a rain barrel to trap and store rainwater, and enjoy the benefit of having a free water source for watering outdoor plants.

Replace old fixtures with high efficiency models that use 20% less water (toilets, faucets, and shower heads).

# Village of Itasca

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## The Bells Are Ringing

The 5th annual “Bells of Spring” Handbell Concert is Sunday, April 24, at 3:00 pm. St. Luke Lutheran Church, 410 S. Rush Street in Itasca, is hosting this year’s event. Handbell choirs from Hanmee Presbyterian Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church and St. Peter’s Catholic Church will be performing individual selections as well as several numbers played in unison by the combined choirs. There will be well known pieces and innovative musical selections as well.

Admission is free. Freewill offerings will be accepted to support the Itasca Food Pantry, the Itasca Walk In Ministry, Itasca PADS and the Itasca Community Outreach Team.

For more information call 630-773-8518.

## The Itasca Garden Club

The Itasca Garden Club meets at noon on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month in the Iris Room at the Park District building, located at 350 E. Irving Park Road. Their yearly flower sale will be held in the parking lot of the Orchard Church, 716 E. George St. on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon. Preorder forms for these annual flowers are available at the Itasca Park District and the Itasca Community Library. Any questions can be directed to Linda Aiani at 630-773-8518. The Club is also holding a perennial plant sale on Saturday, May 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Depot Museum Park on Irving Park Road and Catalpa Street.



## Arbor Day 2016

The Village of Itasca will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at the Itasca Village Hall. Ceremonies will be held in the Village Board Room, beginning at 1:00 pm and will include the dedication of memorial and commemorative trees. Following the ceremonies, attendees will be able to view the trees in the arboretum, located to the south and west of the Village Hall.

To have an existing tree in the Village’s arboretum dedicated to commemorate a special event (ex. birth, anniversary) or to honor the memory of a departed loved one, please contact Fred Maier ([fmaier@itasca.com](mailto:fmaier@itasca.com)) no later than April 11<sup>th</sup>. An existing tree in the Village’s arboretum can be dedicated for \$250.00, which covers the cost of installing the plaque and post on the south side of the tree. The plaque identifies the tree species, who or what the tree is dedicated for, and who dedicated it. You will also receive a certificate acknowledging the tree dedication that will include all the information found on the plaque.

For more information or to download a tree dedication order form, please visit the Village website: <http://www.itasca.com/treededication>

## Automatic Water Bill Payment Program

Automatic Water Bill Payment Program is a more convenient way to pay your monthly utility bill. Pay your bill automatically by charging it to your checking or savings account. Some of the advantages are:

- No check to write.
- Convenience of paying bill while out of town or on vacation.
- No envelope to address.
- No postage cost.
- Eliminates late payment and resulting charge.
- No worry about lost payment or mail delay.
- Reduces time required to pay bill.

Please visit [www.itasca.com](http://www.itasca.com) or Village Hall, 550 W. Irving Park Road, Itasca IL, 60143 to find out more information on how you can sign up today!

## Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Map Update

The last issue of this newsletter reported on DuPage County, in cooperation with the State of Illinois and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), issuing preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for public review and comment.

As an update to that story, the public comment period ended in early fall 2015, and close to 500 comments were received from property owners, residents, and municipalities, including from the Village of Itasca. Due to the nature and extent of the comments received, DuPage County, FEMA, and the State of Illinois have postponed the next phase of the public review process, which is a technical appeal period that was to have begun already. Instead, DuPage County is now reviewing the many comments received and determining if and how to resolve them. Some watersheds may need to be restudied; and models, maps, and flood profiles may need to be updated accordingly.

The Village of Itasca continues to provide detailed information to DuPage County to help ensure that the next round of maps are as accurate as possible, and reflect actual conditions in Itasca. As an example, a new culvert installation under Clover Ridge Drive and Thorndale Avenue (part of the Elgin-O'Hare Western Access project) has been completed. The Village has provided to DuPage County as-built information on these culverts so that this information can be incorporated into their revised floodplain modeling.

DuPage County has demonstrated that they are taking our feedback seriously. Once updated, the revised preliminary floodplain maps will be made public for review and comment, and the preliminary map process will start again. The Village is optimistic that when the updated preliminary maps are redistributed, they will have a more accurate depiction of the 100-year floodplain.

## Home Improvement Permits

As warmer weather approaches, many homeowners begin to think about and prepare for home improvement projects.

Homeowners are reminded to obtain permits for certain interior remodeling and building projects, including kitchen and bathroom renovations, roofs, fences, driveways, decks, patios, sheds, swimming pools, and lawn sprinkler systems to name a few.

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. The Village of Itasca encourages homeowners to discuss your plans with a Building Inspector before beginning construction to determine whether you need a permit.

Please contact the Community Development Department at 630-773-5568, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm, Monday – Friday, to discuss your construction plans and for information on the building permit application, submittal requirements, and review process. Building Permit information and forms and contractor requirements are available on the Village's website at [www.itasca.com](http://www.itasca.com) under the "Community Development" tab.

## Itasca Means Business!

The Village of Itasca is proud of its business community and would like to extend a warm welcome to the following companies which recently received Village Board approval to operate in our town:

- Stericycle, 1470 Norwood Ave., (Medical and pharmaceutical disposal management)
- Sutton Transport, 1475 Thorndale Ave., (Warehouse and distribution)
- Bluegrace-ORD, 900 N. Arlington Heights Rd., (Logistics and transportation specialist)
- Associated Fastening Products, 700 Hilltop Dr., (Wholesale distributor of fastening products)



## Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

<b>Monday:</b>	Plan Commission Review – 6:30 pm preceding the third Wednesday of the month, as needed	<b>Thursday:</b>	1st Thursday – Historical Commission (as needed) – 7:00 pm 3rd Thursday – Historical Commission 7:00 pm
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm, followed by Committee of the Whole. 3 <sup>rd</sup> Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm, followed by Committee of the Whole.	<b>Friday:</b>	No Meetings Scheduled
<b>Wednesday:</b>	2nd Wednesday – School District #10 – 7:00 pm 3rd Wednesday – Plan Commission – 7:00 pm 3rd Wednesday – Peer Jury – as Scheduled		

# Environmental Services

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## GREEN Day 2016

The Village of Itasca will host a GREEN Day recycling event this year on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup> at the METRA Parking Lot on Irving Park Road in Itasca from 8:00 am until noon. Due to major changes in the recycling market, we are limiting the recycling of old style “CRT” televisions and computer monitors to one of each per car. Thin screen televisions and computer monitors are NOT included in this limit. Along with accepting a wide range of electronic wastes (for a more complete list of acceptable electronics, please visit the Village website: [www.itasca.com](http://www.itasca.com)), we will be accepting paper, including documents for shredding, fabric, used bicycles, American Flags, eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription medications, used motor oil, used antifreeze, automotive batteries, scrap metal, fire extinguishers, books, school & office supplies, cell phones, ink jet cartridges, keys, clothing buttons & safety pins. For the third year in a row, we will also be accepting cooking oil. We will accept the cooking oil in the containers, or the containers can be dumped out for you to take home.

We will NOT accept hazardous household wastes or paint.

Each year, Fellowes, Inc. has provided personal paper shredders for a few lucky attendees. These will be distributed to random participants throughout the day.

For more information, please visit the Village website at [www.itasca.com](http://www.itasca.com), or e-mail [fmaier@itasca.com](mailto:fmaier@itasca.com) with any specific questions.

## Litter Sweep 2016

With the winter snows now behind us, before the grass and other vegetation gets too tall, we are inviting everyone, residents and businesses, to participate in a Village-wide Litter Sweep. Select a day between Earth Day, Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> and Arbor Day (celebrated in Itasca on Saturday April 30<sup>th</sup>). Spend an hour or two walking your property and picking up all the litter that has been hiding under the snow for the last few months. If your yard is clean, take a walk to a nearby park or other public area and help us keep our community clean and beautiful. Send us pictures and stories that we can share on the Village’s Facebook page.

## Join the Sweep Tradition

Please join us at the Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, May 21st, 2016 from 9:00 am – Noon for this year’s annual River Sweep. We are in need of helping hands to walk our River Walk and the banks of Springbrook Creek, clearing blockages and collecting litter as part of this community volunteer program.

The annual DuPage County River Sweep is a county-wide self-coordinated stream cleanup which has been held each spring for over twenty years. The purpose of the river sweep is to encourage volunteers to help “sweep our rivers clean” by picking up debris in and along the local waterways and restoring nearby land back to its natural state. More than 10,000 volunteers have removed nearly 245 tons of garbage from DuPage County streams since 1991. The Sweep encompasses the East and West Branches of the DuPage River and Salt Creek, as well as many tributaries including Springbrook Creek here in Itasca. Overall, the event covered just 60 miles of shoreline last year.

During Sweep 2014, over 200 students from 18 communities throughout the DuPage River watershed participated in the cleanup. In total, 700 volunteers were spread throughout the watershed, maintaining our record-setting pace of volunteer involvement. Since adding restoration to Sweep activities in 2009, more than 16 acres of land near waterways have been stewarded by volunteers removing invasive species such as buckthorn, garlic mustard, honeysuckle and multiflora rose.

### To Register

If you would like to be involved in the 2016 DuPage River Sweep, there are two ways to get participate in Itasca’s program: either as a Group Coordinator, or Individual Volunteer. Group coordinators, either one member of a family group, or a leader of a youth group or organization, should contact Mr. Fred Maier ([fmaier@itasca.com](mailto:fmaier@itasca.com)) to coordinate your group’s efforts. Supplies are provided by organizations sponsoring the Sweep to help your efforts. To learn more about being a Group Coordinator, read Sweep Responsibilities and the Conservation Foundation’s 2015 Group Coordinator Manual.

Individual volunteers may request being assigned to a group or may work independently. Pre-registration is required. Both the pre-registration form and the Group Coordinator’s manual are available at the Conservation Foundation’s website: (<http://www.theconservationfoundation.org>) and click on the “Events” link to be directed to the DuPage River Sweep page.

### Restoration Sites

If picking up trash isn’t your bag, help the Itasca community by restoring natural areas along Springbrook Creek. Please indicate this preference on your registration. Adult supervision is requested for volunteers under age 18.



Follow the Itasca Park District on Facebook, Twitter, and Pinterest!



Online Registration is now available. Visit [itascaparkdistrict.com](http://itascaparkdistrict.com) and click "Register Now."

### Eggstreme Teen Night

Thursday March 17 8:00 pm

Free! "Tweens and Teens come to Washington Park for an "eggcellent" Easter Egg Hunt! Hundreds of eggs will be hidden throughout the park and will contain candy, a gift card, or a ticket for a grand prize!

### Dinner with the Bunny

Friday March 18 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for an evening with a very special guest! Enjoy dinner, crafts, activities, and bring a camera to capture a picture with the Easter Bunny! \$10/child, \$5/adult. Stick around afterward for the free Adult Eggstravaganza Event!

### Adult Eggstravaganza

Friday March 18 8:00 pm

Don't miss this free adult egg hunt at the Itasca Rec Center! Hidden eggs will contain gift certificates and coupons to local businesses, park district services and candy! We have free babysitting too!

### Free! Spring Fling

Join us at the Springbrook Nature Center. Enjoy free Candy Hunts at 11:00 am for kids up to age 10. We'll have pictures with the Easter Bunny, snacks, crafts and more! Bring a basket to collect your goodies!



Let's get ready for summer!

Waterpark Passes are on sale beginning April 1<sup>st</sup>!

### Seniors-don't miss this great trip to Starved Rock Lodge!

Wednesday May 4 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Fee: \$50 Register by April 4.

"Sweet Dreams & Honky Tonks" provides a fun afternoon of lunch and musical entertainment.

### Summer Junior Kindergarten, Preschool Program & New Tiny Tikes Program at the Nature Center!

Keep your children engaged in learning this summer while taking advantage of the beautiful outdoors at the Springbrook Nature Center. Classes begin the week of June 6. Register now!

### Don't miss one of Itasca's best events of the year - the Itasca Memorial Day Parade!

Step-off will be on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am. A Memorial Service provided by V.F.W. Post #5167 will follow the parade at Usher Park. Parade awards will also be announced.

Register for Summer Day Camps, Sports & Nature Camps now!

### Park News

The Historical Depot Museum is now hosting many events including Moo at the Museum, Depot Discovery, and more! Choo Choo Birthday Parties are available! Register for programs online or at the Itasca Rec Center.

Remember a special celebration or special person with a Leaf, Acorn, or Stone on the Itasca Park District Giving Tree. Visit: [www.itascaparkdistrict.com/givingtree](http://www.itascaparkdistrict.com/givingtree).

Hold your celebration at the Itasca Rec Center, Nature Center, or Waterpark. Call 630-773-2257 to reserve your date!

We offer more events including Bunny Visits, Water Easter Egg Hunt, and Bunny Drop & Shop. Visit: [www.itascaparkdistrict.com/easter](http://www.itascaparkdistrict.com/easter) to find out more!

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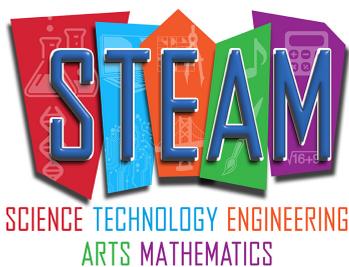
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## Starting April: eMagazines!

This spring look out for Zinio on our website to read popular magazines for free on your tablet, smartphone, laptop, or computer. Choose from 50 titles without holds or waits.



## STEAM Programs @ the Library

The Library has many upcoming programs for children and teens that focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concepts. Registration is required for most programs. Please visit [itascalibrary.org](http://itascalibrary.org) for more information or to register.

### Makerspace Mondays (Grades 5-9)

*Mondays, March 21, April 18, and May 9, 4:00-5:00 pm*

### Drop-In Little Learners (geared to ages 2-6 years)

*Tuesdays, March 22 through April 12, 9:30 am-8:00 pm*

Join us for a hands-on, interactive learning experience where adults help children develop early math and science skills through play. Perfect for kids of all abilities!

## Money Smart Week Programs

### Shark Tank Junior: Craft Sale for Kids and Teens

*Saturday, April 23, 1:00-3:00 pm*

Support Itasca's young entrepreneurs by coming to the library's first craft sale for kids and teens! Their homemade items will be for sale, and they will be making their pitch to representatives from Itasca Bank & Trust Co., just like on Shark Tank.

### Shield Your Assets with a Trust and Long-Term Care Insurance

*Monday, April 25, 7:00 pm*

Attorney John Pankau will explain how a trust and long-term care insurance can protect your assets for your loved ones. Get the facts you need to make informed decisions.

### Turning 65: Now What?

*Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 pm*

Medicare specialists will explain everything you need to know about Social Security, Medicare Entitlement, and the difference between a Medicare Supplement and a Medicare Advantage plan.

## Teen Craft Club (Grades 6-12)

Rolled Paper Art

*Wednesday, March 23, 4:00-5:00 pm*

Stenciled Stuff

*Wednesday, April 27, 4:00-5:00 pm*

## Intro to Coding (Grades 1-4)

*Wednesday, March 30, 4:00-5:00 pm*

Learn the basics of coding, including some terminology, through games and hands-on activities so maybe someday you can make a popular app, too!

## Mind Math (Grades K-5)

*Thursday, March 31, 10:00-10:45 am*

Hosted by ALOHA Math of Bloomingdale, Mind Math is a program designed to help develop your whole brain specifically through math.

## Magic School Bus (Grades K-3)

Magic School Bus Goes to Seed

*Tuesday, April 12, 4:00-4:45 pm*

Magic School Bus Under Construction

*Tuesday, May 10, 4:00-4:45 pm*

## Mad Scientist Club (Grades 1-4)

*Thursday, April 14, 4:00-5:00 pm*

## Play to Learn with DuPage Children's Museum (geared to ages 2-6 years with a parent or caregiver)

*Thursday, April 21, 10:00 am, 11:00 am, or 12:00 pm (Each session lasts 45 minutes.)*

We've teamed up with the museum to offer a unique program that focuses on play and learning.

## Build Your World (Grades 5-9)

*Thursday, April 21, 4:00-5:30 pm*

Come learn how civil engineers help the world run. This introductory session led by engineers from Robinson Engineering is the first in a series of programs designed to expose youth various aspects of civil engineering.

## Drop-In Little Hands Art (geared to ages 2-6 years)

*Fridays, April 22 through May 13, 10:00 am-2:00 pm*

Embrace the mess! Join us for a new art experience each week with projects that will enhance fine motor skills and the creative process.

## Tax Scams

**D**uring this time of the year, the Itasca Police Department would like to remind you of the many tax scams that always seem to be circulating. Here are a few to watch out for and ways to avoid becoming a victim.

### Identity thieves

Thieves will use your Social Security number (SSN) to file a phony tax return in your name. The goal is to claim a false amount of income and with lots of fabricated deductions and credits in order to get a large tax refund. The thieves will request it payable to a prepaid debit card that's tough to trace.

Most victims don't realize anything has happened until they try to submit their own return, only to find that their SSN has already been used. The best way to prevent this is to file your tax return as early as possible during tax season.

Aside from filing early, here are some other preventative measures you can take:

- Don't carry your Social Security card with you, or any other documents with your SSN.
- Only give your SSN to a business or individual if it's *absolutely* necessary.
- Check your credit report: Under Federal law, you can actually do this for free once per year with no strings attached at [annualcreditreport.com](http://annualcreditreport.com).
- Make sure the antivirus software you use on your computer is up to date

### Phishing scams

"Phishing" refers to a scam that is carried out either through a fake website or phony email.

One scam consists of an official-looking email supposedly sent by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), asking taxpayers to update their IRS file. The email contains a link to a website designed to look like the actual IRS

website, and with a web address that looks like the real one, such as [IRSGov.com](http://IRSGov.com). Be aware that the *only* official IRS website is [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov). Any address that does not begin with that is not an actual IRS website.

***The IRS does not initiate contact with taxpayers via email to request personal or financial information.***

If you know this one valuable piece of information, it's easy to avoid becoming a victim of an IRS-related phishing scam.

### IRS agent phone scams

A popular scam is a caller posing as an IRS agent, calling to demand payment of a phony tax debt. Over \$23 million has been taken from 4,550 phone scam victims since October 2013. The caller will use a threatening tone to demand immediate payment, and will request payment via a wire transfer or prepaid debit card, both of which are difficult to trace.

The caller may give a fake IRS agent ID number, and your caller ID may even say "IRS" or something similar. However, there are a few easy ways to identify this type of scam.

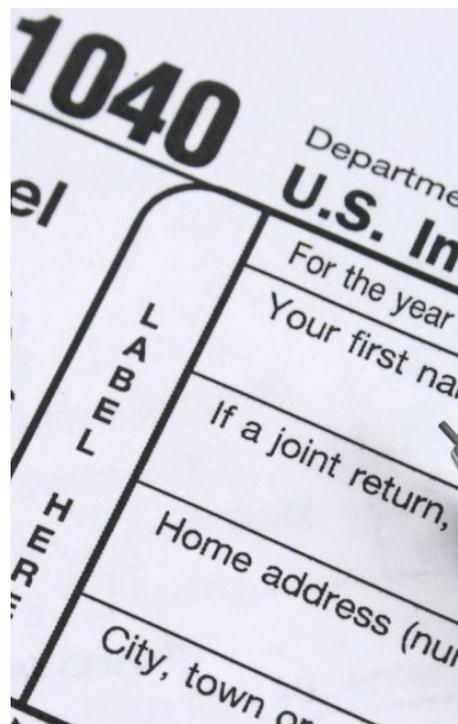
- The IRS will never demand immediate payment.
- The IRS does not require tax debt paid by a specific payment method.
- The IRS will send you an official notice that you owe money *before* attempting to call you.
- If you do owe a legitimate tax debt, the IRS will give you a chance to appeal it.
- You will never be asked to give a credit or debit card number over the phone by a legitimate IRS agent.
- A real IRS agent will never threaten you with arrest, deportation, or the loss of your driver's license.

If a phone call seems suspicious, hang up immediately. You can verify whether or not you actually owe the IRS money by calling them directly at 800-829-1040.

### What to do if you're a victim

Unfortunately, once you actually pay money to a scammer, there is little that can be done about it, so be sure to only send money when you're 100% certain it's for a legitimate tax debt and is being sent to an actual IRS office. If you notice anything that doesn't feel right about any tax-related contact you receive, call the IRS immediately. If you think someone has or might file a false return under your name, the IRS provides step-by-step instructions for what to do on their website ([www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov)).

# SCAM ALERT



## Resolve to be Safe in 2016

The Itasca Fire Protection District along with DuPage County encourage residents to sign up for Smart911



# Smart911™

**W**heaton-- As the new year draws near, DuPage County officials are asking residents to “resolve to be safe” and sign up for Smart911. Smart911 is a free, confidential service that allows users to create a profile that is activated in participating dispatch centers when a person dials 911. The electronic safety profile provides essential household information about family members, your home, pets and vehicles. This information will display automatically on the 911 call taker’s screen when users make an emergency call. It’s private and secure, and users control what information is in their profile.

DuPage County Emergency Telephone Service Board (ETSB) Chairman Gary Grasso said, “More than 70% of 911 calls come from mobile phones. That cell phone’s exact location can’t always be determined by GPS from a cell tower. Smart911’s enhanced service displays the listed address of the mobile phone in the profile and can track the call via GPS, even if the call is disconnected. This is just one of many reasons it makes sense for consumers to take a moment this holiday season to set up a Smart 911 profile and ensure their family’s safety.”

Smart 911 is a valuable tool when searching for missing children, assisting unresponsive callers who are unable to speak due to a medical condition or in a house fire when first responders need to locate and account for family members, pets and essential documents. Since the service launched in DuPage in June of 2011, more than 25,000 families have registered to use this system. Approximately 15,000 calls received by DuPage 911 centers had Smart911 profiles.

### What information can be included?

- Anything a user thinks could be useful, including:
- Family members’ ages, photos or physical descriptions
- Information about their home, including address, utility shutoff valves and key holders
- Medical information, such as medications, medical conditions or disabilities
- Special considerations like language restrictions, restraining orders or rescue notes

The cost of Smart911 software in DuPage is supported through the 911 surcharge on phone bills. The service is available to anyone who lives, works or visits DuPage County. Information provided is confidential and available only to emergency responders during a 911 call. **Smart 911 can be especially valuable to households with young children, seniors, or anyone with a physical or mental disability.** Residents of the Itasca Fire Protection District are encouraged to contact our Administrative office with any questions or issues pertaining to Fire Prevention or Public Education. The office number is (630) 773-1223.

The above information has been provided courtesy of DuPage County. To learn more, go to the DuPage ETSB webpage at [www.dupageco.org/smart911](http://www.dupageco.org/smart911) and register at [www.smart911.com](http://www.smart911.com).



## FREE Child Safety Seat Inspections

**D**id you know that over approximately 80% of all child car seats are installed improperly? The Itasca Police Department will be conducting a FREE Child Safety Seat Inspection on June 4, 2016 from 9:00 am until 1:00 pm. A certified technician will inspect your child safety seat and show you how to install the seat properly. The inspection will take place at the Itasca Police Department, 540 W. Irving Park Road. Please plan on coming out on Saturday June 4, 2016 to help assure the safety of your child.



## District 10 Education Foundation Inaugural Gala

The District 10 Education Foundation (D10EF) will host its Inaugural Gala on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Westin Northwest in Itasca. In partnership with the Itasca Bank and Trust, we hope to make the Gala a premier event for community organizations and businesses to celebrate the work of our educators and children.

The D10EF raises money through donations from individuals, businesses, and alumni, as well as through community events. A 501(c)(3) not-for-profit and tax-exempt organization, the Foundation was founded in 2013 to support Benson, Franzen, and Peacock Schools. It awards grant money for educational programs, technology, activities and other resources that are beyond the scope of public school funding and that are not covered by District 10's operating budget, but can otherwise enhance the educational experience for District 10 students.

The Foundation is comprised of volunteers from many walks of life, including community members, business leaders, educators and parents. Please consider joining our effort by volunteering time, donating funds or attending events.

Gala tickets and sponsorship information are available on our website, [www.d10ef.org](http://www.d10ef.org). The Gala will be a special night to honor our community, schools, and children. It takes a village, our village, to make great things happen in our schools. Together, we can help our schools thrive.

## Fetching Tails Fundraiser event

To celebrate the success of Fetching Tails Foundation's first year of dog rescue, the organization will be hosting A Fetching Fete on April 30, 2016 at Trickster Gallery in Schaumburg from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Over 150 guests will enjoy signature bites and drinks from local restaurants, bars or vendors, a silent auction, entertainment, and more. A Fetching Fete will raise critical funds to enable Fetching Tails Foundation to double their rate of rescue and adoption in 2016.

For more information about the fundraising event, or if interested in adopting a dog, please visit the website: [www.fetchingtailsfoundation.org](http://www.fetchingtailsfoundation.org).

## The Village of Itasca 2016 Dog Licenses were due January 1st

Village of Itasca ordinance requires that all dogs residing within the incorporated limits of Itasca have a valid dog license affixed to their collar.

The fee for this license is \$3.00 and can be obtained at Village Hall – Administration desk located at 550 W. Irving Park Road. Proof of rabies vaccination is required.

Remember, should your dog become lost, the Village tag worn by your dog will expedite a safe and happy reunion with your lost pet. Dogs without tags cannot be easily identified, and may be held in a kennel for one or more days before being returned to the family. A \$3.00 investment is a small price to pay to help secure your dog's safety.

Also remember that the Village of Itasca requires all dogs to be kept on leash when in public areas, including parks and Nature Center grounds. Dog owners are also required to pick up any dog droppings left by their pet.





## Guidelines for Brush/Yard Waste Collection

- Brush and Yard Waste pick-up begins the first Monday of April; April 4<sup>th</sup> this year, and continues through the last Monday in November (November 28<sup>th</sup>).
- Yard Waste must be placed in biodegradable paper bags or a reusable container no larger than 34 gallons clearly marked "Yard Waste" weighing a maximum of 50 lbs.
- Brush is picked up every Monday (April through November); any homeowner who needs brush disposal at any other time must contact a landscaper for disposal of materials.
- Brush must be bundled with biodegradable twine with a maximum weight of 50 lbs. Each bundle must be in neat manageable piles, with cut ends facing the street, placed on the parkway.
- Branches and limbs can be up to six inches in diameter and no longer than four feet. Larger branches and tree trunks must be handled by homeowners.
- The Village of Itasca does not provide pick-up for unbundled brush piles.

## Village Waste and Recycling Program

Please remember that the containers should be placed at the curbside Sunday evening or early Monday morning to assure that they will be emptied. When placing the containers at the curb, **please leave space between the cans.** It allows for faster collection, which helps keep our costs down and helps keep our environment healthy.

All collection trucks are equipped with mechanical arms to grab the containers, lift them up and dump them into the collection trucks. If there is not enough room between the cans for the mechanical arms to grab them, the driver is required to stop and move the cans apart, slowing down collection for the rest of the town, and risking injury to the driver.

**Please note:** Refuse, recycling and brush/yard waste may not be placed out at the curb before 4:00 pm on the Sunday prior to trash pick-up. All empty refuse containers must be removed from the curb by 10:00 pm on the day of pick-up. There will be **NO** garbage pick-up on the following dates in 2016: May 30<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day) • July 4<sup>th</sup> (Independence Day) • September 5<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day) There **WILL BE** garbage pick-up on President's Day and Columbus Day.

## Electronics waste disposal is against the law

**E**ffective January 1, 2012, the disposal of computers, televisions, and other electronic devices will be banned from Illinois landfills, and therefore not collected curbside.

Under State law, electronic waste (E-waste) must be recycled by a registered collector, recycler and/or manufacturer. E-waste includes computers and monitors; printers and scanners; laptops; keyboards; fax machines; video and game consoles; TV's; cable and satellite receivers; DVD players and small scale servers. Do not place them in your trash!

The Village of Itasca sponsors a drop-off program on the first Saturday of May every year. For other disposal options throughout the year, please visit our website: [www.itasca.com/ewaste](http://www.itasca.com/ewaste); or for more information contact your local Republic Service division at (847) 981-0091.



### Itasca Public Works Department Currently Accepting Applications For Seasonal Labor Positions

40 hours/week 7:00 am-3:30 pm Monday - Friday

Approximately 12 weeks

Starting Dates: As early as May 9<sup>th</sup>, no later than May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Please visit [www.itasca.com](http://www.itasca.com) for application and details.

# We would like to hear from you!

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

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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](mailto:feedback@itasca.com)

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