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The Village News

Committed to our future ... inspired by our past

Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jeff Pruyn

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. It is hard to believe the kids are beginning another school year. This summer I have been working on two important issues affecting our quality of life.

Last month the Chicago Department of Aviation hosted three meetings with members of the Fair Allocation in Runways (FAiR) coalition. The Suburban O'Hare Commission, of which Itasca is a member, was also invited to attend these meetings and, as a representative for the Suburban O'Hare Commission, I was able to attend.

The meetings were held to help the Chicago Department of Aviation officials better understand FAiR's proposal to preserve and utilize the intersecting/diagonal runways at O'Hare International Airport in order to alleviate aircraft noise impacts from communities located east and west of O'Hare. At the last meeting, held July 31, Commissioner Evans presented the Department of Aviation's response to FAiR's proposal that maintains the diagonal runways, as well as several other proposals discussed.

Commissioner Evans told the attendees that the diagonals would still be decommissioned as planned. Runway 32R/14L will be decommissioned in August. Runway 32L/14R is to remain open until its planned decommissioning in 2020. Commissioner Evans explained that this was necessary due to several intersecting points with other runways.

The Department of Aviation, however, did propose developing a "Fly Quiet" rotation program as a way to provide night time noise relief to communities impacted by O'Hare. If adopted, this program would spread out night time noise via a runway usage rotation system. Utilizing different runways moves the noise impacts and affects different

neighborhoods and different communities while that runway is being used. The rotation schedule would be for a set period (number of days or weeks), as weather and other operational conditions allow.

On August 12, I attended a ground breaking ceremony for the Busse Woods South Dam Modifications. This project is a collaborative effort between Cook and DuPage Counties, the Village of Elk Grove Village, local municipalities along Salt Creek, and the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District. This is the first time in the history of Illinois that two counties have worked on a joint stormwater mitigation project. The improvements to the Busse Woods Dam will allow the forest preserve to hold more water during storm events and lessen the impact of certain storms. We are hopeful that once this project is completed in November 2015, DuPage County, which operates the Wood Dale/Itasca reservoir, will revise their operating model to open the flood gates at the reservoir sooner. I want to thank Elk Grove Village Mayor Craig Johnson, Cook County President Toni Preckwinkle, DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin and all the other agencies involved for their willingness to work together to see this project completed.

In conclusion, I hope you will join me at our upcoming Village events: August 30th as we officially celebrate the Village's 125th birthday. The celebration will take place at the Depot Museum starting at noon and ending at 3:00 pm. Our annual Oktoberfest will be held on September 11 and 12; and is followed by the NFL Kickoff on September 13 under the tent on Orchard St. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in our annual Craft Beer Show on October 2 at the Itasca Holiday Inn.

Sincerely,
Mayor Jeff Pruyn

Village of Itasca

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Comcast NFL Kick-Off Sunday

On Sunday September 13, from 12:00 - 3:30 pm, join Itasca's "Tailgate Party Under the Tent" on Orchard Street. The Bears vs Packers game will be featured on the large inflatable screen.

Other televisions will have different games - one television will be dedicated to the NFL Red Zone, showing "Every Touchdown. From Every Game".

The Itasca Lions Club will be selling bratwurst, hotdogs, soda and beer.



Village Oktoberfest 2015

The tents will be up, the beer and music will flow, and a fragrance of German cuisine will be drifting through the air the second Friday and Saturday in September. The 8th Annual Itasca Oktoberfest Celebration officially begins at 5:00 pm on Friday, September 11 with Mayor Pruy's tapping of the first keg. It continues until 11:00 pm that night, and resumes at 3:00 pm on Saturday, September 12. Join Village residents and visitors on Orchard Street for a celebration of German culture and cuisine. There will be live German music starting at 7:00 pm on Friday and continuing throughout the event.

For "das kinder", there will be a Kid's Korner from 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm on Friday and from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm on Saturday. We are also providing some kid-friendly food; hot dogs and hamburgers, for those who haven't developed an appreciation for the more traditional spaetzle, red cabbage, roast pig, and some of the best of the wurst.

Free parking is available in several convenient nearby parking lots, including the Village parking lots west of the Seven-Eleven. Metra parking lots by the School District office and the main Irving Park lot will also be open for free parking throughout the celebration. For a map of parking lots or more information about Oktoberfest, please go to www.itasca.com/oktoberfest.

Band schedule:

Johnny Wagner Band	Fri., Sept. 11, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
Jimmy's Bavarians	Sat., Sept. 12, 3:00 - 6:00 pm - strolling quartet
Johnny Wagner Band	Sat., Sept. 12, 7:00 - 10:00 pm



Craft Beer Tasting

4th Annual Craft Beer Tasting

The Village of Itasca will be hosting its 4th Annual International Craft Beer Tasting on October 2 from 6:00 - 9:00 pm at the Itasca Holiday Inn. The tastings will feature craft beers from microbreweries both locally and internationally. The proceeds from this event will benefit the Itasca Food Pantry and Walk-In Ministry. Responsibly Limitless Tastings. Tickets are \$35 online: www.itasca.com/craftbeer, and \$40 at the door.

Halloween Trick or Treat Hours

Saturday, October 31, 2015

The Village of Itasca is requesting that all "trick or treating" be done between the hours of 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm. Please make sure children cross streets at the intersections only, and anyone driving be extra alert for anyone not crossing at the corners.

Itasca's Recycling Program

The Village of Itasca provides a comprehensive curbside recycling program to all single family residences in Itasca. While the program has been in place for several years and has been very effective in recovering resources and preventing unnecessary disposal of materials, we are publishing our recycling guide to reduce contamination of the recycled materials being collected.

The chart below provides a comprehensive list of what can and cannot be recycled in the Itasca curbside program. Please note that any materials that are contaminated with food waste (ex. grease or cheese stained pizza boxes, used aluminum foil) should not be recycled. The food waste attracts vermin and makes processing the recyclable materials much more difficult and more expensive. If too much of the material is contaminated, it can no longer be recycled and must be landfilled instead.

Please help us and our shared environment by making sure your recycled materials are clean and belong in the recycling bin.

Village of Itasca Recycling Guide

Examples of ACCEPTABLE Items:

- Aluminum cans and clean foil and trays
- Steel and Tin cans and empty aerosol cans
- Plastic containers with the following numbers:
 - #1 PET bottles and containers
 - #2 HDPE bottles and containers
 - #3 PVC bottles
 - #4 LDPE bottles and containers
 - #5 PP plastic bottles and containers
 - #7 plastic narrow neck grocery containers
- Six and twelve pack rings
- Newspaper
- Direct mail, bills and envelopes
- Magazines and catalogs
- Telephone directories
- Office and school paper
- Brown paper bags
- Paperboard and Chipboard (cereal boxes)
- Wet strength cardboard (beverage cartons)
- Aseptic packaging and gable top containers (milk & juice cartons)
- Corrugated cardboard (pieces < 3'x3')

Please rinse all containers. Please remove lids and tops.

Examples of UNACCEPTABLE Items:

- Plastic bags and wrap
- Motor oil, anti-freeze, pool chemical containers
- Pesticide and herbicide containers
- Window glass and mirrors
- Styrofoam containers, blocks, and packing peanuts
- Food-contaminated paper or cardboard
- Diapers
- Tissue Paper
- Automobile parts
- Carpeting, roofing and siding materials
- Toys
- Buckets and gasoline cans
- Hoses and pipes
- Clothes hangers

For more information about the Village's recycling, garbage collection and yardwaste programs, please visit our website: www.itasca.com.

Community Development

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Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps Issued

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), in cooperation with the State of Illinois and DuPage County, has issued preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs) for DuPage County. These preliminary maps bring some additional properties into the regulatory floodplain and they are now considered “best available information” by DuPage County for the purpose of reviewing floodplain permit applications. The process of finalizing and publishing the maps is anticipated to be completed in 2016. At that time, mortgage companies and insurers will be required to use them.

More information is available on the Village’s website, including the preliminary floodplain map for Itasca. Printed copies of the map are available at Village Hall. Contact Nancy Hill, Community Development Director, at 630-228-5621 or nhill@itasca.com with any questions.



Calendar of Events

Aug. 30	noon – 3:00 pm	125th Anniversary Celebration
Sept. 11	5:00 – 11:00 pm	Oktoberfest
Sept. 12	3:00 – 11:00 pm	Oktoberfest
Sept. 13	12:00 – 3:30 pm	Comcast NFL Kick-Off Sunday
Sept. 26	3:30 – 6:00 pm	Springbrook Celebration
Sept. 28	5:00 – 8:30 pm	Games Night Kick-off
Oct. 2	6:00 – 9:00 pm	Craft Beer Tasting
Oct. 31	noon – 6:00 pm	Trick or Treat hours

For more information, please see the corresponding article.

OPEN

for Business

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:

- **Phoenix Converting** at 1500 Bryn Mawr Avenue (Packaging materials)
- **Antonio’s Ristorante** at 280 N. Rohlwing Road (Italian restaurant)
- **Gov Forward Inc.** at 1525 Ardmore Avenue (Distribution and warehouse)
- **Arbor Management** at 2100 Hawthorne Avenue (Food service management)
- **Amerisun** at 1141 Bryn Mawr Avenue (Power equipment distributor)
- **Gym Stars ETC** at 905 W. Irving Park Road (Gymnastics instruction and pro shop)
- **US Repair Force** at 1507 Industrial Drive (Automobile repair)
- **Roadside Protect** at 1253-1279 Hamilton Parkway (Printing and fulfillment)
- **Revitalize, LLC** at 810 Arlington Heights Road (Weight loss clinic)

Recently, the Village has begun using brand-new Itasca Means Business social media accounts on Facebook, Twitter, and YouTube to collaborate with and promote our business community.

We have also started a new web series called *Itasca Meets Business*. Go to our YouTube channel at <http://goo.gl/E14A0V> to see our first four episodes – and make sure to subscribe! Interested in doing an episode highlighting an Itasca business? Contact Jake Lawrence at 630-228-5623 or jlawrence@itasca.com.



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

Visit: www.itascaparkdistrict.com

The Itasca Park District is going for the hat trick! IPD has been named a Gold Medal Finalist through the National Recreation & Parks Association! The park district is competing with three other park district finalists from across the nation with a population of 30,000 or less. Itasca has won this prestigious award previously in 2003 and 2009. The winner will be announced on September 15th.

Springbrook Celebration!

Sat. Sept. 26 3:30 - 6:00 pm
Nature Center

Celebrate all that Springbrook has to offer! Enjoy music, wine and beer tasting, nature walks, crafts, games, s'mores and more!

A Duck Race in the creek will be held for a prizes include: a 2016 Family Season Pool Pass, Itasca Country Club Social Membership, Eaglewood Resort Overnight Stay, One-Year Fitness Membership and more.

Raffle Cost: \$10 per Duck, or 3 for \$25.

This is a fundraising event for The Friends of Springbrook Nature Center. All proceeds will go to Youth Nature Programming and Exhibits.

Pre-Registration fee: \$15 per adult/\$10 per child, At the event: \$18 per adult/\$12 per child. Each ticket includes one Duck Raffle chance.



Try our School Day Off Programs

Mon. Oct. 12 and Fri. Oct. 23; ages 5-12 yrs.

Kids will play in the gym, make crafts, go outside if the weather permits, enjoy a pizza lunch and watch a movie! Fee: \$40/\$50 per day. Before and After Care is available from 7:30 am - 6:00 pm for \$15 per day.

Register for WIBA Youth Basketball League by Oct 18th!

Itasca Halloween Celebration

Sat. Oct. 24 1:00 - 3:00 pm at the Nature Center (Rain Location: Itasca Rec Center)
Free pumpkin decorating, bounce house, and pony rides are some of the fun events included.



Screech Cinema

Sat. Oct. 24 6:30-8:30 pm

Nature Center

Bring the family out for a fun Halloween movie at the Nature Center. We'll watch "Casper", starting at 7:00 pm. Enjoy a fire at the fire ring with hot chocolate and marshmallows-all free!

Park News

Thank you for your patience during our Recreation Center upgrades! The walking/running track has been replaced, the gym and dance floors were refinished, and all of the carpeting on the second floor was replaced.

Sign up for Text or Email alerts at www.itascaparkdistrict.com/notifyme. Choose from specific lists with news from Waterpark, Teen, Soccer Teams, WIBA Teams, Dance and more!

Visit the Depot Museum for the Fall Exhibit: "Birth of the Village". Kids will love our Trains, Trains, Trains program tailored for ages 4-6 or 7-10 in October and December. Register online or at the Rec Center.

Host your birthday party or celebration at the Itasca Rec Center or Nature Center. Call 630-773-2257 for the options and details.

Try our new Online Registration at www.itascaparkdistrict.com.

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Games Galore @ Your Library!

Did you know that the library has over 300 games that you can check out to play at home? This fall, we also will offer a number of new programs for children, teens, and adults on a variety of games-related topics. Some programs require registration where noted. Register by calling the library at 630-773-1699 or online at itascalibrary.org.

Games Night: Kicking off with Fantasy Games in September

Meets the last Monday of the month: September 28, October 26, and November 30, 5:00-8:30 pm

Join us for an enjoyable evening playing themed board and tabletop games. The library will provide games, but feel free to bring a game to share. Registration is encouraged, but walk-ins are welcome. This monthly program is for teens and adults.

Adult Chess Club

Mondays, 7:00-8:30 pm

Drop in to play chess with others in a casual atmosphere. We'll provide the chess sets and refreshments.

Play Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm and Fridays, 1:00-3:00 pm (No meeting Friday, September 18)

Interested in playing or learning about American Mah Jongg? Come join others in these fun and casual sessions. Beginners are welcome!

Northern Illinois LEGO Train Display (All Ages)

Saturday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 pm

Sunday, September 13, 1:00-4:30 pm

If you love LEGO, make sure to stop by the library and see this amazing display of working LEGO trains and landscapes created by Northern Illinois LEGO Train Club.

History of Games (Grades 3-6)

Monday, September 14, 6:30-7:30 pm

Learn about the history of games from ancient Senet to modern board games through a PowerPoint presentation. Participants will also make two different games to keep. Registration is required.

Drop-In Itasca Pokémon League (All Ages)

Sundays, September 20 & 27, October 11, 18, & 25, and November 8, 15, & 22, 2:00-4:00 pm

Come join in the fun at the library's Pokémon League! Using your own cards and Pokémon video games, you can play and trade, while meeting other Pokémon players who love collecting and playing just as much as you do.

Wii U Party Night (Grades 6-12)

Friday, September 25, 7:00-8:30 pm

Do you like Wii games like Smash Brothers, Mario Kart, or Mario Party? Come join us to play these and other party games on the Wii U at the library. Participants are encouraged to bring their own Wii U controllers, 3DS, and games. Registration is required.



Teen Games Club (Grades 6-12)

Monday, October 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

Do you know what a Meeple is? Have you robbed the Robber of Catan? Join the Teen Games Club to play exciting games, share tips and tricks with other players, and design and build your own board or card games. Registration is required.

International Games Day (All Ages)

Saturday, November 21, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 pm

Celebrate International Games Day at the library! Come and play a selection of fun board and video games, make new friends, and win prizes. The library will offer a variety of games for all ages which will run on a first-come, first-served basis over the course of the day.



On the Same Page

Join the library for our annual *On the Same Page* community read program with Bloomington and Roselle libraries in October featuring the book *Delicious!* by Ruth Reichl. The corresponding children's book selection is *Tales for Very Picky Eaters* by Josh Schneider. All residents are invited to read the book, join us in a book discussion, and attend one of the many programs that month related to the subjects covered in the book.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month!

Why get an Itasca Community Library card? Your card lets you ...

- use library digital materials like Consumer Reports 24/7 from anywhere
- be first in line for brand-new movies and books from popular authors
- register for programs a week early
- check out eBooks & other digital materials from the library
- request books, movies, and more from other libraries in our system and around the country
- reserve a large meeting room
- keep a record of your reading history on your library account

School Safety

It's that time of year again; summer vacation is over and schools are open. The Itasca Police Department is committed to making your child's commute to and from school a safe one. We have put together some tips that address the most common Back to School safety issues. Remember these safety rules as school begins and throughout the year.

When schools are opening in the morning and closing in the afternoon, the areas around them are very busy and crowded. Adhering to posted signage in the areas that surround the schools is extremely important. At each school and in neighboring areas school crossing guards will be out to ensure the safety of the children walking to and from school.



For parents and local residents, here are some guidelines to make school zones and neighborhood areas safer for our children:

- The biggest safety concern each year is speed in the school zones. When pulling up to the school, watch your speed; it is **15 MPH**.
- Be extra vigilant in school zones and residential neighborhoods watching for bikes coming from driveways or behind parked cars.
- Always refrain from using your cell phone while driving.
- Remember that seatbelts ARE A MUST – for you and any children/passengers in your vehicle.
- Stop at all posted stop signs and in school zones when flashers are blinking, and yield to pedestrians.
- Don't block crosswalks. This forces pedestrians to go around you, possibly into the path of moving traffic.
- Don't double park, it blocks visibility for other children and vehicles.
- Make sure children are careful when opening car doors. Children should always get in and out of your vehicle through the rear curbside door.
- Carpool to reduce the number of vehicles at the school.
- Never pass a school bus from behind, or from either direction on an undivided road, if it is stopped to load or unload children.
- Most importantly, if you see something, say something. If you see something suspicious, call 911. The Itasca Police Department will respond immediately.

As your Police Department, here are some things we will be doing to ensure the safety of all of the children as they return to school:

- Officers will be at school locations at the beginning of the school year to monitor speed and adherence to posted signage.
- Officers will be at schools at the beginning and end of the school day when available.
- Itasca Community Service Officers and Volunteers will be out to assist crossing guards.
- Officers will do random drop-ins at all schools.
- Speed trailers will be placed in key areas to make motorists more aware of their speed in school zones.
- When we receive complaints of cars passing buses illegally, marked police vehicles will follow those bus routes.

Getting back to school is an exciting time. By exercising a little extra care and caution, drivers and pedestrians can safely co-exist in school zones. Parents, residents and the Itasca Police Department working together can make 2015-2016 another safe school year for local children.

Itasca Fire Protection District

For the past several years the Itasca Fire Protection District has been looking at ways to reduce maintenance costs related to our vehicle fleet. After studying vehicle maintenance records for the past five years the District came to realize that much of our ongoing costs were related to “reserve” vehicles. These reserve vehicles essentially serve as the backup in the event we have a breakdown of one of our front line vehicles. Using the data from the maintenance records, the District set out on a plan to accomplish two goals;

1. Downsize the overall fleet size
2. Upgrade the age of the existing fleet

The fire service has generally accepted “service life” for vehicles as follows;

Engine – 15 to 20 years
Ladder truck – 20 to 25 years
Ambulance – 10 to 12 years

Prior to implementing this plan the District had the following vehicles in its fleet:

Engine #1 – 22 years old
Engine #2 – 16 years old
Engine #3 – 6 years old
Ladder truck – 14 years old
Ambulance #1 – 12 years old
Ambulance #2 – 7 years old



Since implementing the plan the District has eliminated one reserve Engine and sold the two oldest ones replacing them with a 2015 Pierce Engine. The oldest ambulance was also replaced in 2012. In 2011, the District also removed a specialty squad from service that was no longer needed. Since implementation, the District has seen a reduction in maintenance costs of approximately 30%.

Another exciting development has been with Subaru of America. Most of you have probably seen the DARE car used by the Itasca Police Department. They have had an agreement with Subaru to supply them with a car for many years now. Sometime in July of 2015, you will see a Fire Department version out in our community. Subaru has agreed to supply the District with a new Subaru Outback free of charge. This vehicle will be used for fire prevention and public education purposes, and will also allow us to get rid of our oldest fire prevention car. The District would like to thank Mr. Aaron Wisel and Subaru of America for their generous donation to the District. Pictures of these new vehicles can be seen above and below.



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Water Leak Detection

Residential properties in Itasca have either a Sensus or Neptune brand water meter. They are located in your house and look like one of the pictures at right. The Neptune meters have a triangle and the Sensus meters have a red dial. To detect a leak, make sure all water is not in use and then look at the meter. If the triangle or red dial is moving, even slowly, there is a leak. Toilets leaks are typically related to the water level in the tank, but could also be caused by a problem with the flapper. To test your toilets, place food dye into the tank and wait 10-15 minutes. If colored water appears in the bowl, you have a leaky flap. Replacing the flap is an easy and inexpensive repair that will save you money and water. Even a small leak can cause the loss of several thousands of gallons of water over a 30 day period.

The main culprit of leaks in the home is the toilet, as a leaky flapper seal or the flushing handle gets stuck, allowing water to flow from the tank to the bowl. Other culprits include faucet and shower drips. If you have a humidifier, it has a water line which may also be a source of a leak. If you discover a leak, you should make sure it is repaired as soon as possible. While many leaks can be repaired by the homeowner, if you are unsure about doing the repair, it is a good idea to contact a professional plumber to come in to perform the repairs.



Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

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

Itasca Residents Urged to be Mindful of Water Quality This Fall

Fall begins with cooler days and changing leaves. However, the changing season also brings the inevitable need for yard cleanup.

Everything entering Itasca's storm drains eventually runs into rivers or streams. In autumn, leaves are oftentimes blown or swept into storm drains and waterways and can become a source of water pollution. Once they reach waterways, leaves decompose and release phosphorus into the water, which can result in algae blooms and decreased oxygen for fish.

However, pollutants are not the only problem. Leaves can also build up along curbs, gutters and storm drains, which block stormwater runoff from entering this drainage infrastructure. Should a major weather event occur, this can lead to localized flooding.

Itasca residents can help to keep excess leaves out of storm sewers and waterways by engaging in a number of activities:

- Start a compost pile or add leaves to an existing one. While the organic debris is not ideal for aquatic life, composted leaves and other organic materials are an excellent resource for fertilizing your garden in the summer months. It provides necessary nutrients, while also reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Leaves can be chopped into small pieces using a mulching mower, which will decompose directly on lawns. The leaf pieces can also be collected and spread around flowerbeds and shrubs as mulch.
- In Itasca, Yard Waste Pick-Up is every Monday from April through November. Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags or a reusable container clearly marked "Yard Waste." Branch / Brush Pick-Up is every Monday from April through November. Branches must be a maximum of 4' in length and 6" in diameter and placed neatly at the curb. When a holiday falls on a Monday, pick up will be on the Tuesday following the holiday.
- If recycling leaves on your property is not an option, residents may bring leaves to DuPage Yard Waste (1195 W. Washington St., West Chicago) for a fee. To transport, collect leaves in a secure and properly sealed paper bag to ensure they do not blow into storm sewers or streams.

For more information on water quality, visit: www.dupageco.org/EDP/Stormwater_Management/Water_Quality/42729/.



Cooking Oil Collection Program:

Recycle your Cooking Oil into Bio-Fuel this Thanksgiving!

We are proud to announce cities around DuPage County are teaming up with Chicago Biofuel to keep cooking oil out of the drains this holiday season. This recycling program returns to Itasca on Saturday, November 28th from 9:00 am until noon, when the big day for turkey frying is over!

FOGs (fats, oils and grease) cause 57% of the sewer backups in communities, costing taxpayers money for the sewers to be fixed and cleaned, not to mention causing homeowners an expense when it backs up into their home.

FOGs become more of an issue around the holidays, particularly after a deep-fried turkey Thanksgiving. Please save your liquid oils in the containers you bought them in, milk jugs or 5 gallon buckets and bring the oil to the collection site on Saturday. This year we will not be keeping the containers. We will be accepting the oils and returning the containers to you. Please be sure that the used cooking oil is not contaminated with other oils or fluids. When bringing the cooking oil for recycling, please make sure that it is warm enough to pour. Cool November evenings can cause the oil to partially or fully congeal, making it difficult to pour the oil out of the container.

This program is a win-win. FOGs are kept out of drains and landfills, and are recycled into bio-fuels by Chicago Biofuel into biodiesel. Please drop the containers of oil off the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Itasca Village Hall, 550 W. Irving Park Road in Itasca from 9:00 am until noon.

For information on other locations and year-round collection locations, please check the SCARCE website at: www.scarcecoed.org.

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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