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The Village News

Committed to our future ... inspired by our past

Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jeff Pruyn

The Wastewater Treatment Plant on Prospect Avenue is designed to be a state-of-the-art, ecologically friendly system that will meet the needs of the Village for the next generation and beyond.

This may not be at the top of your mind every time you flush the toilet or do a load of laundry, but I'm sure you would agree that you expect safely processed wastewater that will not harm the environment.

We agree, and while our plant is operating safely, it is not operating within the design specifications. It has been a source of great frustration for the Village staff and trustees as we worked patiently with the engineers to resolve equipment and design issues.

Due to the lack of progress in resolving these issues, the Village has filed a lawsuit against the design engineers, Baxter & Woodman, and its affiliate, for breach of contract. We are seeking \$4 million to correct design flaws and inefficient equipment in the plant.

While planning the facility, which replaced the old plant at Schiller and Prospect, the Village received the endorsement of local environmental groups. Key environmental components include producing class A sludge that is clean enough to be used in agriculture and a UV water

treatment system used between May and October that disinfects the water discharged into Salt Creek. Neither of those systems works as efficiently as they were designed.

In general, the entire processing system at the plant either takes longer, requires more labor, more supplies, and/or is causing greater wear and tear on the equipment. Even, the electronic monitoring system is not functioning as promised.

We determined that pursuing legal action was our only option. The interests of residents and businesses are always at the top of mind in resolving these issues. We expect to get the state-of-the-art facility that we paid for and we are willing to fight for it.

Sincerely,
Mayor Jeff Pruyn

Calendar of Events

March 28	10:30 am	Spring Fling
April 10	6:30 pm	Library Carnival Celebration
April 25	1:00 pm	Arbor Day Ceremonies
April 26	3:00 pm	"Bells of Spring" Concert
May 2	8:00 am	Green Day Recycling
May 16	9:00 am	River Sweep
May 25	9:30 am	Memorial Day Parade
June 13	10:00 am	M.A.R.K.E.T.

For more information, please see the articles within.

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"Bells of Spring" Community Handbell Concert

The 4th annual "Bells of Spring" Community Handbell Concert will be held on Sunday, April 26, 2015, beginning at 3:00 pm. St. Peter the Apostle Catholic Church, 524 N. Rush St., Itasca, is hosting this year's event.

Handbell choirs from three Itasca churches - Hanmee Presbyterian Church, St. Luke Lutheran Church and St. Peter's Catholic Church - are joining together to present an afternoon of beautiful handbell music. The concert will feature selections played by individual choirs, handbell soloists, ensembles, and several group ringing pieces. There is no charge for the concert. A free-will offering will be taken to benefit four local charities: the Itasca Food Pantry, Itasca Walk-In Ministry, Itasca PADS and Itasca Community Outreach Team.

For more information please call 630-773-8518.



The Village of Itasca 2015 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 in parks and in the Springbrook Nature Center grounds. Dog owners are also required to pick up any dog droppings left by their pet.



Itasca Garden Club Plant Sale 2015

Pre-sale order forms for the Itasca Garden Club Plant Sale will be available from mid-March through mid-April.

Plant Order forms can be found at the Itasca Community Library and the Itasca Park District.

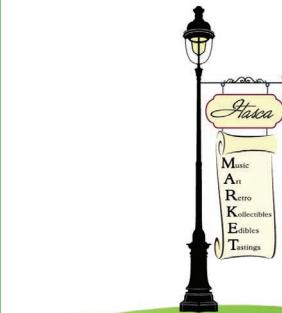
Flowers, hanging baskets, grasses, and vegetables are available for preorder.

There is a large variety of flowers and baskets that do well in our community.

The pickup date for all orders is May 16 in the parking lot of the Orchard Church, 716 George, from 10:00 am to 12 noon.

Plants will be available for purchase that day, but by preordering you will be assured of your variety and color choices.

For more information or to have any questions answered, please call 630-773-8518.



Itasca M.A.R.K.E.T.

Saturday, June 13, 2015
10:00 am to 7:00 pm • Usher Park

Visit www.itasca.com/market for complete details.

VENDORS NEEDED!

From the Desk of the Administrator

Hopefully by the time the newsletter comes out we will be done with winter and start focusing on spring. This past winter we experienced a rather mild January with minimal snow and the opposite in February. It is tough when you get 19 inches of snow in one day, and our crews did a great job removing the snow. Now comes spring and the Village's budget season.

The Village is always doing something to better the community and this year is no different. We have three projects of interest. The first is a stormwater relief project. The Village plans to upgrade the size of the stormwater pipes in certain areas on the south side of Irving Park Road. By enlarging these pipes, the stormwater system will have more capacity and allow these blocks to accept water quicker and convey it to the creek, reducing the potential for street and

basement flooding.

The second project is our coordination of the work at the new Elgin-O'Hare Tollway (formerly Thorndale Avenue). This massive Tollway project involves many facets of our operations and affects the community in many ways including stormwater, sidewalk connections, street lighting, traffic signals, water and sewer main piping, frontage road reconstruction, and the re-working of intersections. New bridges will be constructed over Park Boulevard, Arlington Heights Road and Prospect Avenue. There will be new sidewalk connections under the Tollway connecting the north side of Thorndale to the south side towards our downtown, with new lighting, new street signs, a new road connection named Hamilton Lakes Drive, and aesthetic upgrades. This project will

be going on in Itasca through 2017 and will continue eastward to O'Hare International Airport for several more years.

A smaller project, but an important one for quality of life, is our continuing efforts to obtain a Quiet Zone. A Quiet Zone is an approved status with the Federal Rail Administration that directs trains to not blow their whistles (horns) at the at-grade crossings within a certain geographical area. In our case, crossings at Prospect, Walnut, Catalpa, and Rohlwing would be in the Quiet Zone. This does not mean that trains will never blow their whistles, but rather the rule means that they can blow their whistles in certain circumstances, mainly for safety, when approaching an at-grade crossing.

Evan Teich
Itasca Village Administrator



Itasca Celebrates 125 years!

In 2015, the Village of Itasca will commemorate 125 years of incorporation. The signature anniversary event will be August 30 at the Depot Historical Museum. As part of the celebration many of Itasca's other events will incorporate the 125th Anniversary theme.

Please check the special events section of the Village website (www.Itasca.com) for further information.

To capture and preserve memories that are integral to the Village of Itasca 125th Anniversary, the planning committee is inviting residents and businesses to share their images of Itasca through the decades. If you have a digital photo you would like to share for possible future publication in flyers or promotional materials, please forward them to itasca125@itasca.com.



Earth Hour

Earth Hour is a world-wide event, bringing together 162 countries and over 7,000 communities. Join others around the world by turning off your lights, television, computer and all non-essential electrical devices for one hour on Saturday, March 28 at 8:30 pm.

Earth Hour is bigger than just an hour of lights off. It is continuous movement that is driving actions, big and small, that are changing the world we live in. Check out earthhour.org to see what an impact this organization is making on our environment.



GREEN Day 2015

The Village of Itasca will host a GREEN Day recycling event this year on Saturday, May 2 at the METRA Parking Lot on Irving Park Road in Itasca from 8:00 am until noon. Along with accepting a wide range of electronic wastes, 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 second year in a row, we will also be accepting cooking oil. The oil will be dumped into a receptacle and you will take your emptied cooking oil containers home with you.

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, or e-mail fmaier@itasca.com with any specific questions.

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, forms and contractor requirements are available on the Village's website at www.itasca.com under the "Community Development" tab.

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:

- **AIV LP** at 1520 Ardmore Avenue (Wholesale Valve Distribution)
- **Universal Logistics Solutions International** at 1360 Hamilton Parkway, Suite 140 (Customs and Logistics)
- **Bigfoot Pest Control** at 210 W. Irving Park Road (Pest Control)

Itasca Veterans of Foreign Wars North DuPage Post 5167

The Itasca VFW Post 5167 is a proud veteran's organization that provides support to all of America's veterans and performs various military ceremonies and color guards. We are also very involved within the Itasca community helping support and volunteer whenever needed. Our current members include veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan. We are always looking for new members to join our proud post.

If you are interested or would like further information about our VFW Post and how we serve our veterans and community, please stop by one of our meetings on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm at the Itasca Community Library conference room, 500 W. Irving Park Road; or feel free to contact Commander Michael Long at (847) 909-4119, or Quartermaster Carl Lostracco at (630)773-2423. We look forward to seeing you.

Join the Sweep Tradition

Please join us at the Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, May 16, 2015 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

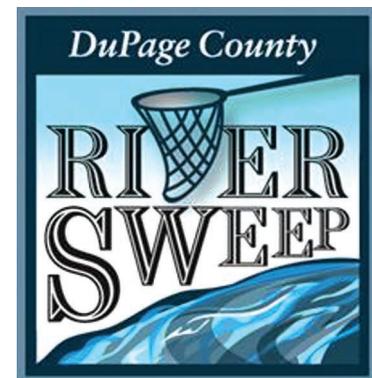
If you would like to be involved in the 2015 DuPage River Sweep, there are two ways to get participate in Itasca's program: either as a **Group Coordinator**, or **Individual Volunteer**. Group coordinators, either one member of a family group, or a leader of a youth group or organization, should contact Mr. Fred Maier (fmaier@itasca.com) 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>). 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.



CHANGE
Flows

Arbor Day 2015

The Village of Itasca will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday, April 25 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, such as a birth or anniversary, or to honor the memory of a departed loved one, please contact Mr. Fred Maier (fmaier@itasca.com) no later than April 10. 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. Each tree is identified with a plaque set on a post to the south side of the tree, identifying the tree species, to whom or what the tree is dedicated, 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/index.aspx?nid=1151>.



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

The Itasca Park District has unveiled a NEW WEBSITE with Online Registration! Visit: www.itascaparkdistrict.com

To register for Online Registration, Park District residents must visit the Itasca Rec Center with a picture ID and Utility Bill. Following registrations, an e-mail will be sent with a User ID and Password, granting you access to the site.

Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary Renovation!

In January 2015, the Itasca Park District was awarded a \$363,500 OSRAD Grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources to assist in the renovation of the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary on Rohlwing Road. This project will create Itasca's first dog park! A boardwalk, interpretive nature trail, outdoor fitness stations and habitat restoration will be included. Heron's Hideaway will add a nature-based play area, shelter, grill, and a baggo court. This project is expected to begin in early 2016.

New! Summer Junior Kindergarten and Preschool Programs at the Nature Center!

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

Eggstreme Teen Night Friday March 27 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!

Adult Eggstravaganza

Thursday March 26 8:00 pm

Washington Park

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

Free! Spring Fling

Saturday March 28 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Springbrook Nature Center.

125 "Golden Eggs" will be included to commemorate the Village of Itasca's 125th Anniversary! Enjoy a free Candy Hunt at 11:00 am, pictures with the Easter Bunny, snacks, crafts and more!



bring a camera to capture a picture with the Easter Bunny!

Brunch with the Bunny

Sunday March 29

11am-12:30pm

\$20/child, \$15/adult

Itasca Rec Center

Enjoy breakfast, crafts, and activities; and

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

Other News

Honoring the 125th Anniversary of Itasca, the Itasca Memorial Day Parade will be held on Monday, May 25th beginning at 9:30 am.

A Memorial Service provided by V.F.W. Post #5167 will be held in Usher Park after the parade. Parade awards will be announced following the Memorial Service.

The Historical Depot Museum is now hosting many events, including Movies at the Museum, Train Time, 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.

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



Ready for Summer? We are!

Waterpark Passes are on sale beginning April 1st!

www.itasca.com

Village of Itasca

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Library Carnival Celebration

Friday, April 10, 6:30-8:30 pm

The library's first carnival will include a night of family-oriented traditional carnival games and attractions, such as a cakewalk, bottle ring toss, photo booth, and plenty of prizes. Tickets will be \$5 per person (age 2 and under will be free) and go on sale starting March 23 at Patron Services. Tickets will also be available at the door. Refreshments will be for sale. Money raised from ticket sales will go towards the purchase of iPad educational game stations for the Youth Department.

Garden Fest: Simply Gardening

Saturday, May 9, 11:00 am-2:00 pm

The library, in collaboration with the Itasca Garden Club, will be hosting our 2nd annual Garden Fest. Stroll through the library's "indoor garden path" and see what's new in the gardening world. Learn from master gardeners and horticulture experts, and share ideas and inspiration with other gardening enthusiasts. There will be family fun for all with children's activities, crafts, plants, prizes, and more! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Itasca Library.

Itasca Community Library Spring Programs

The library will also offer many of your favorite programs this spring along with some new weekly and monthly activities. Check out the library's website for a full list of programs. Some of the new weekly and monthly programs are listed below. Registration is not required for the following drop-in programs:



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. Our Chess Club is an affiliate of the Illinois Chess Association.

Crafty Crew

Tuesdays, March 24, April 28, and May 26, 1:00-2:30 pm

Calling all craft enthusiasts! This drop-in group is for anyone who wants to spend creative time with like-minded people. Bring your own project to work on or learn something new from others.

Tech Office Hours

Tuesdays, 2:00-4:00 pm

Have questions about your eReader, tablet, smartphone, or PC? Our free drop-in tech help is available every Tuesday. Bring your device, cords, and passwords.

Tuesday Movie Matinee

Tuesdays, March 3 & 31, April 21 & 28, and May 5 & 19, 3:00-5:00 pm

We will show a different movie on select Tuesday afternoons, from new releases to classics, comedies to dramas, and more!

Resume Help Office Hours

Every other Wednesday: March 4 & 18, April 1, 15 & 29, and May 13 & 27, 2:00-4:00 pm

Drop in for help with your resume or online job application; learn about other resources at the library.

Drop-In Little Learners

(geared to ages 2-6 years)

Saturdays, March 7 through March 28, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

Join us for a hands-on, interactive learning experience where adults help children develop early math and science skills through play. Drop in anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm, and stay as long as you wish!

Officer Shrader Promoted to Sergeant

Officer Michael Shrader was officially sworn in as Sergeant on January 6th at the Village Board meeting. Sergeant Shrader began his career with the Itasca Police Department on October 5, 1998, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Business Administration from Governor's State University.

Throughout his career, Sergeant Shrader was assigned to several positions that included: Field Training Officer, Investigations, and Volunteer Program Coordinator. Additionally, he is a certified BASSET (Beverage Alcohol Sellers and Servers Education and Training) instructor, Child Safety Restraint Technician and has been an instructor for every Citizen Police Academy class.

Sergeant Shrader has been recognized by citizens and other police agencies for his work ethic. He was awarded a department citation for Exceptional Performance in locating a missing elderly person who suffered from dementia.

"Sergeant Shrader will complement the sergeant's ranks with his vast knowledge on law enforcement issues and his positive "can do" attitude," said Chief O'Conner.

Sergeant Shrader is married to Susan and has two sons. In his off time, Mike is actively involved with his sons' busy sports schedules.

Sergeant Shrader is assigned to the day and afternoon shift; he can be reached at mshrader@itasca.com. When asked about his new appointment,



Sergeant Shrader stated "I look forward to serving the Village in my role as sergeant. I am excited about taking the next step in my career."

Congratulations, Sergeant Shrader.

Police Volunteers

The Itasca Police Department currently has approximately twenty volunteers that assist the Police Department in various ways. These volunteers have donated more than 1,300 hours in training, patrolling and assisting at special events within the Village.

The "Volunteers in Police Service" (VIPS) program consists of volunteers that help the Police Department at special events. The VIPS program assists by staffing booths, promoting the Village of Itasca, and collecting items. Volunteers participate at the following events: Chicago Auto Show, Green Day Recycling Program, Memorial Day Parade, Highland Games, Fourth of July, Itasca Fest, National Night Out, and Oktoberfest.

Another volunteer program that helps assist the Itasca Police Department is the "Citizens on Patrol" Program. The Citizens on Patrol Program consists of volunteers using a volunteer-marked car to patrol the Village and

report suspicious activity to the Police Department to investigate. The volunteers are trained to assist with disabled vehicles and lock-out to motor vehicles, conduct vacation watches, assist with traffic control, and conduct taxi inspections. Having the volunteers provide these services allows the police officers to focus on law enforcement issues within the community.

The best way to learn more about these volunteer opportunities and the Itasca Police Department is through the Itasca Police Department's Citizen Police Academy. Our Citizen Police Academy, established in 2003, is an eight week program designed to give the participants a working knowledge of the Itasca Police Department. To date, over 120 people have completed the program. It consists of a series of classes and discussions held once a week. The classes last approximately three hours and provide an in-depth view into various areas of law enforcement. It is an educational, informative program

that allows citizens the opportunity to learn about the issues that affect law enforcement efforts in the Village of Itasca, and how to develop partnerships with the Police Department. Topics covered during the academy include an overview of the Itasca Police Department, telecommunications, the booking process, crash reconstruction, DUI enforcement, tours of the DuPage County Jail and Coroner's Office, criminal investigations, crime scene processing, crime prevention, DARE, Volunteer Program, use of force, rapid response training and live fire exercise. The Police Department plans on starting a Citizen Police Academy in late spring. For more information regarding the Volunteer Programs or Citizen Police Academy Class, please contact Sergeant Mike Shrader at 630-773-1004.

Thank you to all of the Itasca Police Department volunteers who help make Itasca a safer community.

SOC Has Hired Talented Teams Of Aircraft Noise Experts: Seeks Methods To Work With O'Hare/Chicago/FAA To Reduce Noise

The Suburban O'Hare Commission (SOC) is announcing that it has hired aviation experts to address the topic of O'Hare Noise.

Elk Grove Mayor and SOC Chairman Craig B. Johnson stated: *"The fight concerning O'Hare Expansion is long over. However, communities are still being impacted by the reconfigured runways at O'Hare Airport. Today, we are joining together to hire talented teams of aviation experts. These highly experienced teams will provide us with technical data and advocacy assistance to explore methods of mitigating aircraft noise to benefit our residents. Ultimately, we understand that O'Hare Airport provides many benefits; however, we need O'Hare Airport to be a good neighbor. Our goal is to work together to achieve quieter skies for residents surrounding O'Hare Airport."*

These talented teams of aviation experts include JDA Aviation Solutions, a Washington DC based firm that specializes in airport operations and aircraft safety; and LGN Aviation, a Washington DC and Minneapolis based aircraft advocacy group. Their responsibilities will be described in further detail below.

The JDA team of experts provides unparalleled technical expertise. Moreover, the firm provides technical consultation to the FAA. The JDA team will be exploring:

- The impact of aircraft noise on residential homes, even those homes that the FAA deems as not being impacted by aircraft noise.
- Validate actual noise contours of aircraft utilizing O'Hare airport under today's interim airport conditions; and,
- Identify operational changes that can be made to O'Hare Airport that reduce noise while maintaining aircraft safety.

In addition to JDA, SOC is proud to announce that Lockridge Grindal Nauen Aviation (LGN) will be assisting the Suburban O'Hare Commission. LGN is both a Washington DC and Minneapolis based team of aviation advocates with extensive experience on community aircraft noise concerns.

LGN will create an advocacy and educational program for local, state and federal stakeholders on the noise concerns at O'Hare. Action items will include:

- Investigating tools included in a new Part 150 Airport Operations Overview and Noise Compatibility Plan update that would benefit the community;
- Developing a case for the implementation of a new Part 150 Airport Operations Overview and Noise Compatibility Plan update;

- Advising SOC on airport noise program "best practices" that were implemented internationally, and identify noise reduction programs that may assist neighborhoods around O'Hare.
- Reviewing agreements associated with O'Hare Modernization to identify gaps/opportunities for changes in flight operations and noise exposure.
- Using information developed by JDA to advise Congress, FAA, and Chicago Department of Aviation.

Following the meeting, Bensenville Village President and SOC Vice-Chairman, Frank Soto, stated: *"Our goal is to find solutions and do what it takes to implement those solutions. The issues are very complex and involve implementing operational enhancements focused to mitigate noise for the communities around the airport which some can be done at the local level but some need to be done at the state and federal level. We must work with the city of Chicago and our regional FAA stakeholders to identify the local opportunities and implement those operational improvements and work with our State legislatures, in Springfield, to pass the new CNEL noise standard for Illinois. We must also work with our federal Legislators and FAA in Washington."*

There is no simple solution. If there was, these issues would have been addressed. The issues are far more complex and require a collective effort to come up with reasonable solutions at various levels. Bringing this group of talent together, for this purpose, has never been done before but it must be done to improve the quality of life of those living around our airports. We are all committed to this goal."

SOC will soon be reaching out to the FAiR Group, State officials, and other local municipalities such as Norridge, Park Ridge, and Schaumburg to introduce the team of experts as they begin their work on our behalf.

The Suburban O'Hare Commission is a group of 11 local governments representing over 1 million people. SOC has been in existence since the early 1980s and has worked on numerous intergovernmental programs to benefit the region. The members of SOC include: Addison, Bensenville, DuPage County, Elk Grove Village, Elk Grove Township, Elmhurst, Hanover Park, Itasca, Roselle, Wood Dale, and Schiller Park.

Community Development

James Burke, Itasca Fire Protection District Chief

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Earthquake!

Most of us probably have not given much thought to an earthquake occurring in DuPage County. After all these only happen in California, right? The truth is that Illinois has The New Madrid Seismic Zone that runs through southern Illinois, parts of Kentucky, Tennessee and Missouri. Scientists believe that a major earthquake along this fault line could have catastrophic effects that reach up into the Chicago area.

For the past several years emergency responders in the State of Illinois have been studying the impact of such an event and how we should plan for it. As was mentioned in a previous newsletter, MABAS (Mutual Aid Box Alarm System) was developed for such large scale incidents. The premise behind the system is that one single fire department could not afford or provide enough equipment or staffing to handle every large scale incident it may encounter. In such cases “mutual aid” is requested from neighboring towns, districts or statewide to help mitigate the disaster. The potential problem with a STATEWIDE event is that there may not be enough assets available to meet the demand, and with any major disaster, Federal assistance may take several days to deploy.

So what should you do to prepare? FEMA recommends the following on their website:

Build a Kit

- A disaster supplies kit is simply a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency.
- Try to assemble your kit well in advance of an emergency. You may have to evacuate at a moment’s notice and take essentials with you. You will probably not have time to search for the supplies you need or shop for them.
- You may need to survive on your own after an emergency. This means having your own food, water and other supplies in sufficient quantity to last for at least **72 hours**. Local officials and relief workers will be on the scene after a disaster but they cannot reach everyone immediately. You could get help in hours or it might take days.
- Additionally, basic services such as electricity, gas, water, sewage treatment and telephones may be cut off for days or even a week, or longer. Your supplies kit should contain items to help you manage during these outages.

Develop a Family Communication Plan

- Your family may not be together when disaster strikes, so plan how you will contact one another. Think about how you will communicate in different situations.
- Complete a contact card for each adult family member. Have them keep these cards handy in a wallet, purse or briefcase, etc. Additionally, complete contact cards for each child in your family. Put the cards in their backpacks or book bags.
- Check with your children’s day care or school. Facilities designed for children should include identification planning as part of their emergency plans.

More detailed information can be found at: www.fema.gov/earthquake

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		

Guidelines for Brush/Yard Waste Collection

- Brush and Yard Waste pick-up begins the first Monday of April; April 6 this year, and continues through the last Monday in November (November 30).
- 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.

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 2015:

May 25 (Memorial Day) • September 7 (Labor Day)

There **WILL BE** garbage pick-up on President's Day and Columbus Day.



Electronics waste disposal is against the law

Effective January 1, 2012, the disposal of computers, televisions, and other electronic devices was 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. Please see the GREEN Day article on page 4 for details. For other disposal options throughout the year, please visit our website: www.itasca.com/ewaste; or for more information contact your local Republic Service division at (847) 981-0091.



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 us maintain a healthy environment.

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.

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 11, no later than May 26.

Please visit www.itasca.com for details.

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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