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Message from the Mayor



Mayor Jeff Pruyn

As I begin my tenth year serving as your Mayor, I thought I would use this column to share with you some of our achievements over the past year, and also some of our plans for the future.

Our biggest achievement over the last year was our response and recovery from the microburst that hit Itasca last July. Within a few short minutes, life in Itasca went from calm to chaos. 85% of our streets were impassable, the 911 center received more than 100 calls for assistance, and 95% of our village was without power. With the assistance of a dedicated staff and the assistance of our residents and our neighboring towns, Itasca emerged from the dust and debris stronger than before.

Last fall, we hired Ms. Carie Anne Ergo as our new Village Administrator after a national search. Carie Anne brings with her more than 20 years of experience in local government and more than a decade of executive leadership. She was born, raised and has lived in DuPage County for most of her life. She has been a leader in the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference for several years and has been an advocate for government consolidation and collaboration throughout her career.

Building investment rose 22% last year to more than \$58 million. Two large developments helped drive this positive trend. First, Hamilton Partners completed the 297-unit The Residences of Hamilton Lakes. In addition the American Academy of Pediatrics, moved its 185,000 square foot corporate headquarters. Not only does the Academy bring 500 new employees to

the community, but programs hosted by the Academy attract professionals from across the globe, who will stay, dine and play in Itasca.

This coming year, we will be making several improvements to the Village's infrastructure. Our largest project, which is already underway, is substantial repairs to the waste water treatment plant. This project will remedy most of the critical issues that have persisted since the plant was constructed.

The Village will also rehabilitate our largest sanitary lift station located on Irving Park Road. This project will make repairs due to normal wear and tear, and will also provide increased capacity to meet future growth demands.

We will also be painting our water towers located in the Central Manufacturing District and on Prospect Ave. We have received bids to do this work and the work should be completed by the end of 2019. This summer, we will be collecting input through surveys, focus groups and interviews to help us choose what message the community should portray on the water towers. If you are interested in participating please visit our website www.itasca.com in June for more information.

If you enjoy the Nature Center paths, the Village is making significant improvements making the paths more accessible and easier to navigate. The first phase of the project, which should be completed within the next few weeks, consists of replacing the wood chip path and existing bridge over Spring Brook Creek with a new boardwalk that will be less likely to flood during rain events. After Labor Day, the balance of the limestone and woodchip path from the Village Hall to the Caboose will also be improved.

I hope to see you all at our many summer festivals, which begin with our annual Memorial Day Parade.



From the Desk of the Administrator

After months of hard work, time and effort put forth by the Village Board and staff, I am happy to report that the Village Board passed a balance budget in mid-May. The 2018/2019 budget continues the trend of reducing operational expenses through improved efficiencies.

Over the last 5 years, operational expenses for general city services have dropped 26%. During the same period, costs for state-mandated public safety benefits have risen more than 100% from \$571,558 to \$1,158,118. The dramatic rise in these costs is largely related to elected officials in Springfield mandating benefit enhancements and passing the bill to local property tax payers.

As I write, elected officials in Springfield are once again in talks to balance the state budget on the backs of local governments. Years ago, municipalities across Illinois supported giving up the right to impose local income taxes in favor of the State simply providing 10% of a state collected tax back to municipalities (Springfield keeps more than 90%). Itasca uses these funds to provide essential services such as police protection, snow removal and road repairs.

Last year, Springfield reduced income tax revenues distributed back to local municipalities by 10% in what was billed as a “one-year” reduction. Not surprisingly, the elected officials downstate are now asking to keep 10% for another year. Mayor Prunyn, along with local elected officials across Illinois, visited Springfield in late April to urge legislators to responsibly balance Illinois’ budget rather than ignoring their growing problem and raiding local government funds.

Each resident of Itasca has the opportunity to be part of the solution! If you believe that your income tax dollars would be better spent in Itasca than throughout the state, visit www.protectmytown.us and let the Governor, state leaders and local representatives know that you expect your tax dollars to stay local.

From the Desk of the Village Clerk

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Election Commission Office

8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Jack T. Knuepfer Building

421 N. County Farm Road

Wheaton, IL 60187

(630) 407-5600

<https://www.dupageco.org/election>

Register to Vote with DuPage Election Commission

The Village of Itasca has nearly 6,100 registered voters who can exercise their right to vote as a U.S. citizen at the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. There may, however, be some residents unable to vote at the General Election because they are not a registered voter, or moved to DuPage County from another jurisdiction.

If you are not registered to vote in DuPage County, the DuPage County Election Commission offers several options to become a registered voter in DuPage County:

1. **IN PERSON** at any municipality or township, and at some libraries within DuPage County. Locally, you can register at Itasca Village Hall, Monday through Friday, during the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., or after hours and weekends at the Wood Dale, Roselle, or Addison Public Libraries. Two forms of identification are required; one must contain your name and current address.
2. **ONLINE** at <https://ova.elections.il.gov>. You will need your Illinois driver’s license or state ID number and issue date, the last four digits of your social security number, and your birth date.
3. **BY MAIL** by going online at dupageco.org/Election/Voting to print an application or calling the Election Commission to be mailed an application. Applications must be mailed or delivered to the Election Commission no later than 28 days before an election. A copy of a current and valid photo identification, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck, or other governmental document showing name and address is required.

If you have moved from one DuPage County address to another DuPage County address, contact the DuPage Election Commission to update your address information.

You are officially registered to vote when you receive your Voter’s Identification Card in the mail. If you are a registered voter who needs a replacement card, contact the DuPage County Commission and provide your name, address, and date of birth for a new card.

Next newsletter, learn about voting by email and early voting for the General Election on Tuesday, November 6, 2018.



Home Improvement Permits

During the summer many homeowners take on improvement projects. Please keep in mind permits are required for most 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 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., 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 under the “Community Development” tab.

Preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps Update

For the past several years, DuPage County, in cooperation with the state of Illinois and FEMA, has been working to update the Flood Insurance Rate Maps (FIRMs). In the last few months there has been progress toward this goal.

Preliminary flood insurance rate maps were issued for public review and comment last summer.

These preliminary maps brought some additional properties into the regulatory floodplain, and draft maps are now considered “best available information” by DuPage County for the purpose of reviewing floodplain permit applications. To ensure that Itasca property owners had the opportunity to participate in last year’s public comment process, the Village contacted affected property owners by mail of an open house meeting held by DuPage County and informed them about where to send written comments.

This spring the preliminary maps were in the required 90-day Technical Appeals period, the time in which appeals on technical issues with floodplain modeling are raised. That period ended on May 29. FEMA is now working to resolve technical issues and finalize the maps for adoption. If all proceeds as planned, the final maps could become effective by this time next year. Once formally adopted, mortgage companies and insurers will be required to use the new Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

You can still review the revised preliminary floodplain map for Itasca on the Village’s website www.itasca.com. 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.



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:

- Installation Specialists, 1139 Bryn Mawr Ave. (Storage and installation of commercial office furniture)
- Lawrence Foods, 1131 Bryn Mawr Ave. (Baking ingredients manufacturer)
- Amerisun, Inc., 1131 Bryn Mawr Ave. (Power equipment sales and distribution)
- United Business Mail, 801 W. Bryn Mawr Ave. (Mail sorting and comingling services)
- Solberg Fabrication Industries, Inc., 680 Baker Dr. (Metal fabrication)
- Bobby’s Lucky Slots, 923 W. Irving Park Rd. (Video Gaming Café)

Do you have a local business in Itasca? Consider becoming a member of the Itasca Chamber of Commerce. For more information go to: thegoa.com/itasca-chamber.html

Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Monday:	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
Tuesday:	1st Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm, Committee of the Whole immediately after 3rd Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm, Committee of the Whole immediately after	Thursday:	3rd Thursday – Historical Commission – 7:00 pm
		Friday:	No Meetings Scheduled

Police Department

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1170 N ARLINGTON HTS RD
(630) 773-2333

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Visit BUONA.com to order or to view a menu



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Legal and Illegal Fireworks

As the 4th of July approaches, the Itasca Police Department is often asked about which fireworks are legal and illegal. In order to insure residents a safe and penalty-free Independence Day holiday season, the department provides the following guidelines:

Under Illinois Compiled Statute 425 ILCS 30/1 (a) : (The items highlighted in red are illegal fireworks and green highlighted are legal.) "The term fireworks shall mean and include any explosive composition or any substance or combination of substances, or article prepared for the purpose of producing a visible or audible effect of a temporary

exhibitional nature by explosion, combustion, deflagration or detonation, and shall include blank cartridges, toy cannons in which explosives are used, the type of balloons which require fire underneath to propel the same, firecrackers, torpedoes, sky rockets, Roman candles, bombs or other fireworks of like construction and any fireworks containing any explosive compound; or any tablets or other device containing any explosive substance, or containing combustible substances producing visual effects. The term "fireworks" shall not include snake or glow worm pellets; smoke devices; sparklers; trick noisemakers known as "party poppers", "booby traps", "snappers", "trick matches", "cigarette loads" and "auto burglar alarms"; toy pistols, toy canes, toy guns, or other devices in which paper or plastic caps containing twenty-five hundredths grains or less of explosive compound are used, provided they are so constructed that the hand cannot come in contact with the cap when in place for the explosion; and toy pistol paper or plastic caps which contain less than twenty-five hundredths grains of explosive mixture; the sale and use of which shall be permitted at all times."

The Itasca Police Department enforces firework violations under state statute or village ordinance. The Itasca Police Department normally tickets all violations under village ordinances, but officers also have discretion to ticket under state statute.

The Itasca Village Ordinance states that it shall be unlawful to store, discharge or set off any fireworks or give any pyrotechnic displays in the village except as herein provided.

No public exhibition of fireworks or pyrotechnics shall be given unless a permit is first obtained from the President and Board of Trustees. All such public displays shall be under the supervision of a competent person, and shall be supervised by the Chief of Police or some member of the police department assigned to this duty by the Police Chief. The ordinance also states it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale or keep for the purpose of selling any fireworks in the village at any time.

Per this ordinance the offender shall be fined not more than \$500 for each and every violation thereof, and every day the violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

The State statute declares that it shall be unlawful for any person, firm, co-partnership, or corporation to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail, or use or explode any display fireworks, flame effects, or consumer fireworks; provided that city councils in cities, the president and board of trustees in villages and incorporated towns, and outside the corporate limits of cities, villages and incorporated towns, the county board, shall have power to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for the granting of permits for pyrotechnic and consumer displays.

If you would like further information on fireworks go to the State of Illinois website at ilga.gov or the Village of Itasca website at itasca.com.



On Tuesday, August 7, at 5pm, the Itasca Police Department invites residents and businesses alike to join us for our annual National Night Out. This event will take place at the grounds of the Municipal Complex, 550 West Irving Park Road. National Night Out is an opportunity for the police department and the community to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals by letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. As part of our festivities, we have arranged interactive activities with the Itasca Fire Protection District, Library, Park District, Public Utilities, Public Works, and of course the Itasca Police Department. Complimentary hamburgers, hot dogs and ice cream have been donated by area restaurants and businesses. All of Itasca is invited and encouraged to attend. For further information please contact the Itasca Police Department.



Itasca Citizen Police Academy Class

The Itasca Police Department is seeking applicants for the Citizen Police Academy. This highly interactive program meets once a week for nine weeks and is designed to give participants a working knowledge of their police department. The Academy also helps to improve communication between the Itasca Police Department and the community served. Areas covered include crime scene investigation, traffic enforcement, crime prevention, investigations, and a multitude of other related topics. Ride-alongs in police vehicles will also be available to those individuals wishing to participate. This free program will meet on Wednesdays from 6:00PM until 9:30PM. The deadline for enrollment is August 25th, 2018. Participants must be at least 18 years of age and either live or work within the Village of Itasca. Applications are available at www.itasca.com under the police department forms section. Enrollment is limited to 20 participants. For further information, please contact Sergeant Mike Shrader at 630-228-5707.



Itasca Senior Citizen Police Academy Class

The Itasca Police Department will be conducting a Senior Citizen Police Academy Class starting August 14th, 2018. The class provides an excellent opportunity for senior citizens, who live and/or work in the Village of Itasca and are 55 years old or older to become familiar with the day-to-day operations of the Itasca Police Department. Some of the topics to be discussed are: an overview of the police department, hiring process, traffic stops, investigations, and crime scene processing. The Senior Academy will meet on Tuesdays for five straight weeks. The class times are from 9:30AM until 12:00PM. If you are interested please contact Officer Jim Duda at 630-228-5756 or email jduda@itasca.com for details.



This summer, be on the lookout for information on the 2018 Itasca Police Department Survey. The IPD is committed to ensuring public safety through law enforcement, education, and exceptional service, while performing with the highest level of integrity and assuring all individuals dignity and respect. We want to hear your views regarding the quality of policing in Itasca and how we are meeting these commitments. More information on the survey coming soon!

Overnight Parking Now Available Online!

The Village has now streamlined the process of requesting overnight parking permission, which can be accomplished by going to itasca.com and selecting 'GOVERNMENT – POLICE DEPARTMENT – OVERNIGHT PARKING.' The process is simple and easy and can be done at your convenience. Below are some considerations regarding requests:

- Overnight parking on village streets between 2:00-6:00 AM is prohibited without requesting parking permission.
- Parking permission may be granted on village streets where signs do not prohibit.
- Vehicles with flat tires or leaking fluids are not allowed to park on village streets and may be towed.
- Parking on ALL streets after 2" of snowfall is prohibited.
- Overnight parking may be prohibited for other emergencies or village events as determined.
- Overnight parking enforcement begins at 2:00 AM. To avoid a ticket, submit your request for parking permission online prior to 2:00 AM.
- If you would like confirmation, please include your email for an electronic receipt.
- Parking tickets written for overnight violations written after 2:00 AM, prior to online submission, will be enforced.
- Each household is limited to a maximum of five (5) requests for overnight parking per month.



Bring your fishing pole and bait to Happy Acres on June 24 from 10 am to 12:30 pm to fish with members of the Itasca Police Department. If you don't catch anything, it's ok; the police officers will have plenty of hot dogs and soda.



Friends of ItascaFest 2018

The Itasca Lions Club, the Village of Itasca and the Itasca Park District would like to invite you to participate in an exclusive underwriting program. Your participation will help support local activities as well as benefit children and seniors in need.

As you may already know, every year on a weekend in July, the Village of Itasca puts on a summer celebration called ItascaFest. This year the dates are Thursday, July 12 through Sunday, July 15. Over these four days nearly 40,000 visitors will enjoy Food, Fun and Music! All of the entertainment is family-oriented and mostly provided free of charge. Proceeds from this endeavor provide assistance for the blind, hearing impaired and handicapped, as well as foster many local youth and senior citizen programs.

We are asking local residents to become a "Friend of the Fest." By making a generous donation as a "Friend of the Fest" you will ensure the event's success before the rides are set up or the bands take the stage.

There are three levels of participation:

Gold Cup = Donations of \$100

Silver Cup = Donations of \$50

Bronze Cup = Donations of \$25

All residents that become a "Friend of the Fest" will have their name prominently displayed on the 10'x 12' video screen in the main entertainment pavilion.

If you would like to become a "Friend of the Fest," please fill out the following form, enclose your check made payable to the Itasca Lions Club and return it to:

Itasca Lions Club
Attn: Robert Chvalovsky
P.O. Box 106
Medinah, IL 60157

"Friend of the Fest" Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contribution amount:

___ Gold Cup = Donations of \$100.

___ Silver Cup = Donations of \$ 50.

___ Bronze Cup = Donations of \$ 25.

Thank you for supporting ItascaFest and making a difference for the people we serve.



On July 4, Itasca hosts the largest fireworks in the Chicago area at Hamilton Lakes in Itasca. This year live music begins at 7pm with Pat McKillen and continues at 8pm with Maggie Speaks.

The fireworks begin between 9:45 and 10pm, and last approximately 25 minutes. Admission to the event is free. On-site parking is \$25 per car. Coolers are welcome, pets are not.



Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games in Aye-tasca

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

Purchase tickets in advance at scottishfestivalchicago.org/getticketandpasses



ItascaFest 2018

July 12-15

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

Join the Itasca Lions as we celebrate 29 years of family fun and entertainment. Be sure to save the dates because there is something for everyone to enjoy. ItascaFest is held in Washington Park, Usher Park, Bloomingdale Road between the two parks, and in the Itasca Park District building. The fishing contest is held at the Happy Acres Retention Basin located off of Bryn Mawr Avenue, just west of Maple Street. Watch for signs to know when to start fishing. Discounted unlimited ride tickets will be available starting July 5th at the Itasca Village Hall, Park District and Library.

Featured events during the Fest include the following:

Live music daily
Free children's entertainment
Carnival with unlimited ride specials (sold only July 5th-July 11th)
14 American and ethnic food vendors
Health Fair

Fishing contest
Antique Flea Market
Classic Car Show
Indoor cash bingo

See ItascaFest brochures for dates and times for all events.

ItascaFest 2018 Band Schedule

Thursday, July 12th

The Arlingtones • 6:00-6:30 pm
Throwback Jukebox • 7:30-10:30 pm

Friday, July 13th

Downpour • 7:00-9:00 pm
Arra • 10:00 pm-12:00 am

Saturday, July 14th

Harley Davidson fashion show • 2:00-4:00 pm
SIXX • 5:00-6:00 pm
Jimmy Nick & Don't Tell Mama • 7:00-9:00 pm
Ronnie Baker Brooks • 10:00 pm-12:00 am

Sunday, July 15th

Fishing Derby Awards - Terry Salat (DJ) • 12:00 pm
In Session • 3:00-4:30 pm
Heartache Tonight • 5:30-7:30 pm
American English • 8:30-10:30 pm



Skunk Management

This year, the Village of Itasca is receiving a large number of calls and emails about skunk issues in Itasca neighborhoods. While skunks are a part of the local wildlife of Itasca, there are steps that residents can take to minimize their presence near local homes.

If a skunk (or other burrowing animal) has dug a burrow in your yard or under the steps, a deck or shed, you can attempt to evict him/her safely. Change the conditions around the burrow. Put an ammonia soaked rag down into the burrow entrance. Tie a string to the rag so you can retrieve it and refresh the ammonia every day. Use a broom handle to get the rag down into the burrow, and to avoid getting your hands too near the skunk. Take a bundled strand of blinking Christmas lights and place them down into the burrow. Since skunks sleep during the day and are active at night, playing a radio near the burrow during the day will also bother them.

If you make their home smell bad, be loud and noisy when they try to sleep and have bright flashing lights in their “bedroom,” they will move on. To be sure they are gone, plug the burrow entrance with some crumpled newspaper. If the paper goes three days without disturbance, you can be sure that the eviction was successful.

Once the animals are out of the burrow, to prevent “new tenants,” get some hardware cloth or chicken wire, bend it in an “L” shape and bury it along the edge of the step with the bottom of the “L” facing out away from the foundation and the stem of the “L” up against the concrete or wood. An animal may attempt to dig under the wire wall, but when it hits floor, it will give up and move on. You can also sprinkle cayenne pepper along the edge, or purchase predator urine from local hardware and lawn and garden stores to mask existing animal odors.

If you have window wells, make sure that the covers are secure. If a skunk does fall into one, wrap a board with rags or an old towel, and SLOWLY lower it into the window well. Place it so that it is at an angle rather than vertical. When it is dark, the skunk will climb up the board and leave.

Another action you can take to minimize skunks is to eliminate food sources. Do not leave food out on the ground for animals at night. Skunks are omnivores, which means they will eat anything. In mid-summer, if you start noticing grub activity in your lawn, treat your lawn to kill the grubs. This will not only protect your lawn from grub damage, but eliminate another food source for the skunks.

There are also commercially available repellants that you can purchase at local hardware and garden centers that some people have found effective.

If all these steps prove ineffective, or you feel the need to have the animal(s) removed from your property, you should contact a professional trapper to remove the skunk(s). State law prevents you from trapping and relocating a skunk. It must be removed by a professional. Please use this website to locate trappers permitted by the State of Illinois to remove skunks:

<http://web.extension.illinois.edu/wildlife/professionals.cfm>

Skunks are a part of suburban living, but by following these tips, we hope that they won't become a suburban problem.

Sump Pump Connections, Inflow and Infiltration (I/I)

With temperatures warming up and frost melting in the soil, sump pumps are tasked with the chore of keeping our basements dry. During spring, we also receive heavy rains adding to the sump pump's work load. A common issue that Public Works encounters is when residents plumb their sump pumps into their sanitary sewer service line inside their home. While this may seem like an easy way to discharge rainwater away from a residence, it also brings with it some potentially serious issues. Public Works has seen an increase in incidences during rain events of residences toilets and floor drains backing up. The majority of the time, this is occurring because the sump pump is connected into the home's sanitary sewer. If the sanitary system cannot convey the flows that are pumped into it from the sump pump, it will pressurize the system and overflow into your home.

This typically occurs at the lowest point in the home, which is usually the basement. Having overhead sewers may not necessarily protect the home from this type of overflow. If the sanitary sewer service line to the home has obstructions roots, debris, etc., then the sump pump can actually overflow out of fixtures on the first floor causing extensive damage. The sanitary sewer system is not designed to handle both sanitary and storm water flows. Adding storm water to the sanitary system increases this risk for everyone.

Along with the possibility of damaging your home, there is also a cost of treatment associated with storm water entering the sanitary sewer system. All of the sanitary sewerage must be processed through our wastewater treatment plant (WWTP). This includes storm water that enters the system either by sump pumps or inflow and infiltration. A rain event in the beginning of May for instance, produced 2.2 inches of rain overnight. Our treatment plant's average (dry weather) flows are 1.2 million gallons a day (MGD). During the rain event our flows more than doubled to 3.6 MGD. Each gallon of water undergoes the same treatment process regardless whether it is storm or sanitary water. The Village and ultimately the residents incur this additional cost.

Connecting a sump pump to the sanitary sewer system is an ordinance and plumbing code violation and is not allowed in Itasca. Sump pumps should discharge on land or be connected into the storm sewer system when available. Doing so, can protect not only your home but your neighbors also. Proper storm water management also lowers operational costs to the Village and residents. If you have any questions or would like someone to check your plumbing for sump pump connections, please contact Public Works at 630-773-2455.



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Shape Of Itasca 2018 Recap

At this year's Shape of Itasca event Board President Chris Kunze covered many topics related to the Itasca Fire District. In an effort to keep our residents informed we thought it may be beneficial to cover the information presented at the Shape of Itasca to those residents that were not able to attend. The following information is a summary of President Kunze's presentation at the Shape covering last year, this coming year and the fiscal challenges that this District is facing in the upcoming years.

What is happening in the District?

2017 was consistent with the previous year's call volume for the Itasca Fire Protection District.

Total Alarms for 2017: 1600
Fire Calls: - 57%
EMS Calls: - 43%

Besides our fire vehicles, the District runs two (2) ambulances so that we always have a backup if one unit is down for mechanical issues or on occasions where a second emergency response is needed.

As was mentioned last year, we held off, pending the referendum results, on replacing the oldest ambulance, purchased in 2007, as cash is very tight. Instead we elected to continue with repairs as needed.

We have now reached the point where the escalating costs of repairing the ambulance, combined with its increasing downtime, have made it a necessary to begin the process of purchasing a new unit. The order and build process is typically 8 – 10 months and the cost will be \$265,000. The new ambulance will have the same enhanced capability that our front-line ambulance has which is a significant improvement over the older ambulance, which for several technical reasons, is not capable of carrying or having installed several of the newer pieces of lifesaving equipment.

To potentially help defray costs of the new ambulance, at Chief Burke's suggestion and the Boards approval, the District contracted with a professional grant writer to prepare a case for federal assistance for the purchase of the new ambulance. We are hopeful that the grant will be approved sometime in late May or June. The District will continue to seek

out grant opportunities whenever possible.

In January of this year, the grand opening was held for the combined Addison Consolidated Dispatch Center (ACDC), which now covers the Itasca, Addison, Bensenville, and Wood Dale Fire Protection Districts. The move by each agency allows us to be in the same dispatch center as our respective police departments. This in turn cuts down on the number of "transfers" that occur between dispatch centers and ultimately improves response times for 911 calls. As a bonus, our cost for these services is also less than we were paying with our prior dispatch center. Many thanks to Chief Burke and Deputy Chief John Radzinski for driving this to completion. As you can imagine, it was a long planning cycle to ensure that no emergency calls were dropped during the move.

Now that the Tollway is open the District is responsible for emergency response within our area. It is notable that the District is only reimbursed \$300 flat fee and \$50 for each piece of equipment that we have to respond with. This does not cover our operating costs and Chief Burke is very active in driving an effort to have the Tollway pay a more equitable share of the costs for a response.

Again, this year the Itasca Fire Protection District will be involved with many of the community activities within the village.

- a) The annual 5th grade tours, including a live demonstration at the firehouse, occur on May 11th.
- b) The District also plans on being present for the Memorial Day Parade on May 28th.
- c) The Highland Games again come to Itasca on June 15th and 16th and the District will be EMS service during the event.
- d) July 4th fireworks
- e) Itasca Fest on July 12-15th
- f) Ice Cream with the Cops and Firefighters on July 18th at Usher Park
- g) National Night Out on August 7th.

What is happening with the District's finances?

As a result of injuries and retirement we had six open positions during 2017, we have hired three of those positions and used overtime to fill the staffing gap which has resulted in our overtime costs nearly doubling from the previous year. **We are not planning on filling the three open positions due to the District financial constraints.**

Because of the unfilled positions, the District had 241 days in 2017 where we were at a minimal staffing level of 5 personnel per shift. This number is up from 188 days in 2016. For safety reasons running below our minimum staffing level of 5 is not acceptable. With 5 personnel, 2 are assigned to the paramedic unit and 3 are assigned to the engine. Having 3 personnel assigned to the engine is the absolute minimum in order to perform any kind of initial rescue or fire attack. One person drives and operates the pump, two firefighters, at a bare minimum, go into the building for rescue or fire suppression. Staffing an engine with only 2 personnel is simply not acceptable for the safety of our residents or our firefighters.

To continue to be able to provide appropriate staffing levels in the upcoming years we have projected what the cost would be through the year 2025. Modest cost assumptions, anticipated tax revenues and past CPI data are all used in the calculations.

What these projections have shown us for this upcoming fiscal year, which begins in June is that the District is facing the very real possibility that we will have depleted our operating reserves somewhere in the February/March 2019 timeframe.

This is why we will be approaching you, our residents, for your help to allow us to continue to fund the District through a referendum this fall. If approved the monies raised will be used for staffing and to keep the existing station and equipment maintained.

I will conclude my remarks tonight by letting you know the Itasca Fire Protection District is dedicated to continuing to provide the same high level of response and service that we, as taxpayers, have come to expect, but we will need your continued support to make this happen.

Itasca Park District

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Itasca Waterpark

Itasca Waterpark is open weekends beginning May 26th and weekdays beginning June 6th. New Adult Lap Swimming Mon-Fri 10am-12pm!

Season Pass Holders receive early weekend admission at 11am and weekday admission at 12:30pm! Get your passes now.

For email or text alerts about the Waterpark visit: www.itascaparkdistrict.com/notifyme and select the Waterpark List.

Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary

Grand Opening Sat, June 23rd at 10:30am! Amenities include a 1/3

mile accessible loop, a nature-themed playground, shelter, grill, boardwalks and more on Rohlwing Road! **The Dog Park portion will open at a later date.** A \$363,500 OSLAD Grant partially funded the project. View a RFBS video on our website and social media!

Itasca Concert Series

Itasca Concert Series begins June 13th and runs every other Wednesday at 7pm. July 11th and August 22nd will be held at the Depot Museum, all others at Usher Park.

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Community Wide Garage Sale

Join the Community Wide Garage Sale on Sat, June 23rd from 8am-3pm at Itasca residents' homes. Register by June 18th! Fee is \$15.

Free H2O Nights for grades 4th-9th at the Itasca Waterpark!

Sundays 7:30-10pm on June 10, June 24, July 8, July 22 and Aug 5

This event is sponsored by the Village of Itasca. Permission slip is required.



Depot Museum

Admission is always free! Check out these fun programs:

National Days Workshops

\$15 each, for ages 4-10 years. Register now!

June 14 • Flag Day • 4pm

June 28 • Bomb Pop Day • 4pm

July 1 • US Postage Stamp Day • 3pm

July 17 • Emoji Day • 4pm

Aug 2 • Coloring Book & Ice Cream Sandwich Day • 4pm



ItascaFest 3on3 Basketball Tournament

ItascaFest 3on3 Basketball Tournament will be held the weekend **BEFORE** ItascaFest on July 6 for kids ages 9-18 & July 7 for Adults 18+ and Ages 30+.



Try the new Fit & Float Aerobics at the Waterpark, or Iron & Oar, TRX, Yoga, and Indoor Cycling classes at the Fitness Center. Get fit and feel great!



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

Ice Cream with the Cops & Firefighters

Wed, July 18th from 1-2:30pm at Usher Park
Don't miss this fun & free event! Enjoy free ice cream and play games.

Itasca Night Out

Tue, Aug 7 at 5pm

Free entry to the Waterpark with a DJ, snacks, music, a raffle, and events with the Village, Police, Fire, and Library.

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

Treasures Found

Dan Peel has been teaching History at Peacock Middle School for two score and seven years. Some years ago, he found two needlepoints of Itasca's Steeple Church and Itasca's Second School at a Roselle resale shop. Shockingly, we found they were created by Wesley G. Usher, Mayor of Itasca from 1977 to 1985, when he died while in office. The needlepoints will be on display at the Itasca Historical Depot Museum in June and July. We thank Dan for his years of service to Itasca and for donating these great pieces of Itasca history to the Depot Museum.



Register now for Day Camps, Sports, and Nature Camps!





Ice Cream Social

Save the Date:

Saturday, August 4

We would like to celebrate the completion of our renovation project and show our appreciation for your continued support. To commemorate the end of our Summer Reading Club and the unveiling of our newly remodeled library, we have planned an Ice Cream Social for Saturday, August 4, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, tours of the new space, and activities for all to enjoy. Free tote bags will be handed out to attending patrons. Please join the fun and share in our excitement of the redesign of our library.

READING TAKES YOU EVERYWHERE

MAY 29 – JULY 31

Youth and Teen Summer Reading Clubs

Join one of our *Reading Takes You Everywhere* Summer Reading Clubs. Read books and earn fun prizes! In addition to earning prizes for reading, there will be a weekly drawing for children and teens who regularly use the library. Stop by the Youth Help Desk each week to get your reading club folder stamped, and earn a ticket for the weekly drawing or a chance to spin the prize wheel!



Little Listeners Club: Birth – Age 2

Read 20 books and receive a prize for your baby or toddler.

Youth Club: Age 3 – Entering Grade 1

Earn prizes for reading or listening to 20, 30, and 40 books. For every 10 books you read after that, you'll earn a chance to spin the prize wheel!

Youth and Teen Clubs: Entering Grade 2 – High School

Earn prizes for reading 5, 10, and 15 hours. For every 5 hours you read after that, you'll earn a chance to enter the grand prize drawing!

Adult Summer Reading Club

Starting May 29, sign up for our popular Adult Summer Reading Club. Read three books or more through July 31 for a chance to win many fabulous prizes. All formats of books count - print, digital, audio - as long as they are checked out from the Itasca Community Library starting May 29. Register on our website or at the library and receive a registration prize. After you have read three books, your name will be entered into the grand prize drawing. Continue reading to earn additional chances to win. Open to ages 18 and up - all you need is a valid library card from any library.



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All individuals or businesses are encouraged to sign up by going to itasca.com and following the quick link on the homepage for the CodeRED / Emergency Communications Network. If you are currently receiving messages and would like to opt out, you can do so via the same link.

Concerts at Usher Park or Depot Museum

Join us for six free outdoor family concerts held at either Usher Park or Depot Museum every other Wednesday, beginning June 13th. Your family and friends will enjoy music from a variety of bands from the Chicagoland area. Don't forget your lawn chairs and a picnic basket. Get ready to hear some great music! The performance will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Sign up for email or text alerts at itascaparkdistrict.com/notfyne and select the Summer Concert Series list. July 11th and August 22nd concerts will be held on the Depot Museum Grounds, all others will be at Usher Park. This event series is sponsored by the Village of Itasca. (CC)

Sponsored by the Village of Itasca

Day: Wednesday ■ Time: 7-8:30pm
Concerts at Usher Park (or *@ Depot Museum)

June 18 Throwback Jukebox: Classic Rock
June 27 1976: 70's rock
July 11 Rosie & The Rivets: Oldies (*@ The Depot)
July 25 Johnny Russler & the Beach Bum Band: Caribbean/Reggae
Aug 8 Nashville Electric: Country
Aug 22 Swing Forward: Jazz, Swing (*@ The Depot)