



THE VILLAGE NEWS

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Spring 2019 Mayors Message



Mayor Jeff Pruy

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and your new year is off to a good start. Unfortunately, 2019 got off to a bad start for the law enforcement community when State Trooper

Christopher Lambert was killed in the line of duty. Trooper Lambert was killed assisting motorists involved in an accident on the night of January 12, 2019. Many of Itasca's police officers, fire fighters, and paramedics, along with public safety officers from many of our neighbouring towns, gathered in the cold for several hours on the Irving Park overpass, to say farewell to Trooper Lambert as his funeral procession of several hundred vehicles proceeded on I-290 through Itasca.

While watching this procession it made me think of the sacrifices our Village, State, and Federal workers make to ensure government provides the services and protections we all take for granted. Trooper Lambert, and all the other public safety professionals who have died in the line of duty before him, show us the dangers these individuals face on a daily basis in keeping us safe, and assisting us when we encounter adversity.

And it is not only the dangers faced protecting us, our Village workers sacrifice in other ways. While we enjoy the Village's many festivals and holiday events, our employees have to take time away from their families to direct traffic, close streets, and clean up our messes. They have to leave their families on Christmas or New Year's Day to clear streets from a fresh coating of snow or even worse, stand in waist deep water in sub-zero temperatures to fix a water main break.

Others have spent long nights and weekends at Village Hall reviewing and processing building permits, so repairs could be made to our homes after a violent summer storm.

As we settle in to another new year, I would like to thank all of our village employees for the fine job they do and sacrifices they make, in order to make Itasca the great place it is to live, work and play.

In a few months we can look forward to summer, and nothing kicks off that season better than our Memorial Day Parade. I hope to see you all there on Monday, May 27th. Have a great spring everyone!

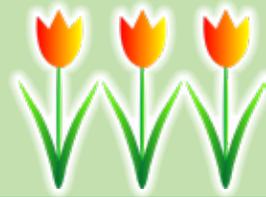


Note received during the Polar Vortex

"Just a note of thanks to the middle-of-the-night heroes Joe, Brandon, John, Brian and Mike who fixed the water disaster happening on Cherry Street last night. What a miserable night to get a call like that.

Please pass along that we appreciate all they did under the worst conditions. We have water now and the street is not a dangerous sheet of ice."

*Gratefully,
Jean and Tom Hoder*



From the Desk of the Administrator

For more than two decades, I've been giving presentations to grade school students and the one topic that always seems to fascinate them is "Where does the Poop Go?" I can safely say that most of us give little thought to that question unless what is supposed to go down comes back up.

The same can be said of our faucets, unless the water stops flowing, of course. Here in Itasca, residents are fortunate to have safe, clean drinking water delivered to homes each day – a service most people don't think twice about until the dreaded bill comes.

Since arriving in Itasca a little over a year ago, more than a few people have bent my ear over the recent increases in water and sewer rates. In 2015, the Village completed an analysis of water and sewer rates and found that the previous rate structure was artificially low and did not allow adequate funding to maintain Itasca's aging infrastructure. The new rate structure, instituted in 2016, is intended to address those needs.

After three years of significant rate increases, the Village is now on track to moderate rate increases. While there will still be an increase in 2019, the percentage increase will be nearly a third lower than it has been over the last few years. The average homeowner will see an increase of \$6.85 per month on their water and sewer bill (see chart below).

The Village of Itasca is committed to only charging users for the actual cost of providing water and wastewater services. One-hundred percent of the water and

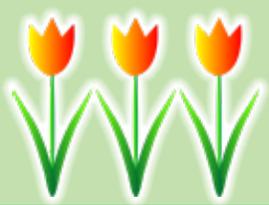
sewer fees and rates go to pay for costs directly associated with delivering clean water or removing and treating dirty water. The Village periodically allows residents to tour the Waste Water Treatment Plant, if you would like a tour, please contact Village Hall at 630-773-0835 to be put on a list to be notified of the next scheduled tour (summer 2019).

For less than \$4.75 per day, residents in Itasca have clean drinking water readily available in their homes and the Village pipes the dirty water away from their properties so residents don't have to worry about it.



CALENDAR YEAR	2018	2019	Increase
VOLUMETRIC RATES: Charged Per 1,000 Gallons Used			
Water Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	\$10.90	\$11.45	\$0.55
Sewer Usage Rate (per 1,000 gallons)	\$10.42	\$10.95	\$0.53
MONTHLY FIXED FEES: Charged per month per active account			
OMA: Water Service and Availability*	\$13.29	\$13.96	\$0.67
OM: Sewer Service and Availability*	\$15.60	\$16.38	\$0.78
AVERAGE RESIDENTIAL IMPACT: Based on 5,000 gallons used and 1" service line			
Average Water Fees and Rates	\$67.79	\$71.21	\$3.42
Average Sewer Fees and Rates	\$67.70	\$71.13	\$3.43
Average Total Bill	\$135.49	\$142.34	\$6.85

* Rates vary depending on the size of the service line



From the Desk of the Village Clerk

April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election Petition Packets

One of the functions of the municipal clerk is to serve as the local election official for the election of officers and referenda within their village. As local election official for the Village of Itasca, my responsibilities are for the election of the Village of Itasca and Itasca Community Library officers and referenda. The Itasca School District 10, Itasca Park District, and Itasca Fire Protection District 1 each have their own local election official.

For the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Election, there are three Village Trustee and four Library Trustee positions open for election. Residents who were interested in petitioning for nomination of these positions, were able to pick-up candidate packets at the Village Hall from September 18, 2018 to December 7, 2018. During the 10-day election packet filing period which ended on Monday, December 17, 2018, one New Political Party packet for the position of Village Trustee and four Nonpartisan packets for the position of Library Trustee were accepted.

To preview a sample of your Consolidated Election ballot, you can log onto dupageco.org/SampleBallot and enter your address to view nominations and referenda.

Sign up for automatic water bill payment

Avoid the hassle and cost of mailing payments and eliminate the risk of late charges, by having your monthly water and sewer bill payments automatically deducted from your checking or savings account. After registering for automatic payments, you



will continue receiving a water and sewer bill on the first of each month in order to review the usage and amount. However the bill will be marked "Auto Pay" and your payment will be scheduled to automatically withdraw from your account on the 18th of each month. When the 18th falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or holiday, automatic withdraw is scheduled for the next business day.

To sign up for automatic water and sewer bill payments, complete an Authorization Agreement for Preauthorized Payments at Village Hall or download the form at itasca.com/328/Automatic-Water-Bill-Payment-Program to complete in advance. After submitting the form, your automatic payments will begin the following month.

For water and sewer bill or payments questions, contact:
Pam Lindfors
(630) 228-5608

Yard waste and brush pick up begins Monday, April 1

Village yard waste and brush pick up begins again on Monday, April 1, 2019. Here are some quick guidelines to help ensure your material is picked up by Republic Services:

Yard Waste

- Place in biodegradable paper bags or reusable containers marked "Yard Waste"
- Maximum reusable container size – 34 gallons
- Maximum bag or reusable container weight – 50 pounds

Brush

- Bundle brush with biodegradable twine
- Stack bundles in parkway in neat manageable piles with cut ends facing street
- Maximum bundle weight – 50 pounds

Branches

- Maximum branch diameter – 6 inches
- Maximum branch length – 4 feet

Hours

- Pick up is on Mondays
- Set out items after 4:00 p.m. on Sundays
- Pick up empty containers before 10:00 p.m. on Mondays

For yard waste or brush pick up questions, contact:
Republic Services
"Itasca Customer Service"
(847) 981-0091

Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Monday: No Meetings Scheduled
Tuesday: 1st Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.,
 Committee of the Whole immediately after
 3rd Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.,
 Committee of the Whole immediately after

Wednesday: 2nd Wednesday – School District #10 – 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Wednesday – Plan Commission – 7:00 p.m.
 3rd Wednesday – Peer Jury – as Scheduled
Thursday: 3rd Thursday – Historical Commission – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: No Meetings Scheduled

Public Works

Ross Hitchcock, Director of Public Works • Phone: (630) 773-2455 • e-mail: rhitchcock@itasca.com



Home Improvement Permits

With another Chicagoland winter nearly behind us, now is a good time to start planning for spring and summer 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, just 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 the Community Development Department before beginning construction to determine whether a permit is required.

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, building permit application and submittal requirements, and the 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:

- H2O Autospa, 1365 N. Arlington Heights Rd. (Car wash)
- European Garage, Inc., 1115 Hilltop Dr. (Luxury auto repair)
- Sunflower Design Collective, 320 W. Irving Park Rd. (Interior design services)
- Container, Inc., 925 W. Thorndale Rd. (Corrugated paper products)

Annual Backflow Preventer Testing Required by June 30th

As a reminder, the Illinois Plumbing Code, Illinois EPA regulations, and Village ordinances require an annual inspection of backflow preventers.

For backflow preventers on the exterior of a property, such as those for pools and lawn irrigation systems, all testing must be completed by June 30th of every year, regardless of the initial testing date. Property owners that choose not to use their pool or lawn sprinkler for the year must request an inspection to verify that the line is properly abandoned.

Backflow prevention devices most commonly consist of a pair of mechanical check valves that prevent dirty water from flowing back into the clean water supply in the event of an unexpected or drastic change in water pressure. If properly installed and maintained, a backflow preventer device will keep drinking water safe and free of contaminants.

The required annual tests must be performed by a certified tester and be submitted to the Village of Itasca's Cross Connection Control Program Contractor, BSI Online. Village water customers with known backflow prevention devices will receive notification and a reminder of the inspection requirement from BSI Online. Failure to comply may result in additional notification letters directly from the Village of Itasca, the issuance of a ticket, and in extreme circumstances water shut off.

Information about backflow prevention device testing is available on the Village of Itasca website at: <http://www.itasca.com/1907/Backflow-Preventers>. Questions can be directed to the Village of Itasca Public Works Department at 630-773-2455.



Did you know that May is Building Safety Month?

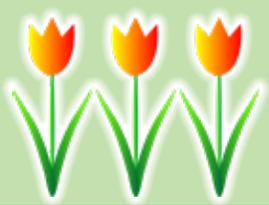
Building Safety Month is an international campaign that raises awareness about building safety and the importance of having sustainable structures. This year's theme is No Code. No Confidence. For more information <https://www.iccsafe.org/about-icc/building-safety-month/2019-building-safety-month/>

INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL
**BUILDING
SAFETY**



2019

No Code. No Confidence.



Arbor Day 2019

The Village of Itasca will be celebrating Arbor Day on Saturday, April 27th at the Itasca Village Hall. Ceremonies will be held in the Village Board Room, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and will include the dedication of memorial and commemorative trees. Following the ceremonies, attendees will be able to view the trees in the arboretum, located to the south and west of the Village Hall.

To have an existing tree in the Village's arboretum dedicated to commemorate a special event (ex. birth, anniversary) or to honor the memory of a departed loved one, please contact Mr. Fred Maier (fmaier@itasca.com) no later than March 25th. An existing tree in the Village's arboretum can be dedicated for \$250.00, which covers the cost of installing the plaque and post on the south side of the tree. The plaque identifies the tree species, who or what the tree is dedicated for, and who dedicated it. You will also receive a certificate acknowledging the tree dedication that will include all the information found on the plaque.



For more information or to download a tree dedication order form, please visit the Village website: <http://www.itasca.com/index.aspx?nid=1151>.

GREEN Day 2019



The Village of Itasca, in cooperation with DuPage County, will host a GREEN Day recycling event this year on Saturday, May 4th at the METRA Parking Lot on Irving Park Road in Itasca from 8:00 a.m. until noon. While we will be accepting electronic wastes again this year, **we will be limiting the number of tube (CRT) televisions/computer monitors to one per car.** Thanks to the support of DuPage County, we will be accepting paper, including documents for shredding. Please note that this is offered to residents and in-

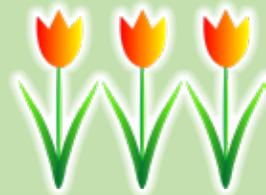
home businesses only. If you have large volumes of paper documents that need to be destroyed, please contact International Paper, located here in Itasca.

Along with electronics and paper, we will also be accepting 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 and cooking oil. We will accept the cooking oil in the containers, or you may dump the contents out so that you can take the containers back home.

We will NOT accept hazardous household wastes or paint. If you have paint that you need to dispose of, please contact Earth Paint, located at 147 Front Street in Wood Dale.

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.



Join the Sweep Tradition

Please join us at the Springbrook Nature Center on Saturday, May 18, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. – noon for this year's annual River Sweep. We are in need of helping hands to walk our River Walk to the banks of Springbrook Creek, clearing blockages, collecting litter and removing invasive species 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 11,000 volunteers have removed nearly 264 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. Last year volunteers from all over the area came together to remove more than 6 tons of trash. More than 600 volunteers made an impact on county waterways and over 200 of those volunteers were students.



Since adding restoration to Sweep activities in 2009, more than eighteen acres of land near waterways have been stewarded by volunteers removing invasive species such as buckthorn, garlic mustard, honeysuckle and multiflora rose.

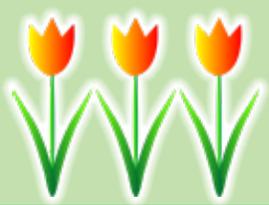
To Register

If you would like to be involved in the 2019 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 2017 Group Coordinator Manual.

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

Restoration Sites

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



Police Department

Robert O'Connor, Director of Police • Phone: (630) 773-1004 • e-mail: roconnor@itasca.com

The Itasca Police Department would like your help solving crime!

The Itasca Police Department is implementing a new, voluntary program and would like to partner with residents or businesses that have surveillance cameras and who would like to help. Officers can spend a great deal of time determining if an offender may have been caught on cameras nearby, while leaving the scene of a crime. With camera systems becoming more and more prevalent, we are asking Itasca residents and businesses that would like to make the Police Department aware of their surveillance systems to sign up to help expedite the investigation and catch criminals!

Signing up is easy and the program is voluntary. If you would like to participate, here are the details:!

- Signing up is accomplished by going to the Itasca Police Department webpage and completing a very brief online form; the link is www.itasca.com/pdcameras
- Your information is then gathered and available for investigators should they ever need to contact you and ask for your help solving a crime
- Anything you provide is treated as completely confidential
- You will not be contacted unless an officer or detective is investigating a crime in your area and we would only make contact with you and ask to see video footage of the time frame when a particular crime occurred

- We only want to know about cameras that view public areas such as streets and sidewalks
- Signing up is only to advise the police department of the location of your cameras; no remote access or live viewing will occur

If a serious crime takes place in your neighborhood, you can help your neighbors and the community with your voluntary participation. We hope that you will! Still have questions? Contact Deputy Chief John Matuga at police@itasca.com or call 630-773-1004.



On January 1, 2019, 253 new laws were added to Illinois' list of statutes.

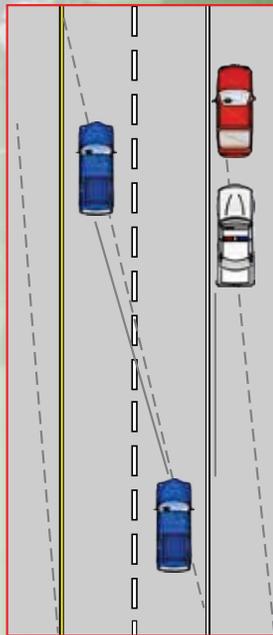
To see the full list, visit www.itasca.com/new2019laws

THE "MOVE OVER" LAW

Scott's Law, The "Move Over" Law, mandates that when approaching any police or other emergency vehicle stopped along the roadway, you must:

- reduce your speed
- change lanes if possible
- proceed with due caution

An authorized emergency vehicle, under Scott's Law, includes ANY vehicle authorized by law to be equipped with oscillating, rotating, or flashing lights under Section 12-215 of this Code, while the owner or operator of the vehicle is engaged in his or her official duties.



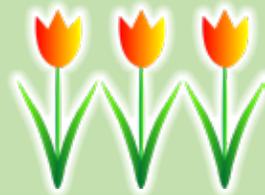
SCOTT'S LAW

Scott's Law was named after Lieutenant Scott Griffin of the Chicago Fire Department who was struck and killed by an intoxicated driver while assisting at a crash on the Dan Ryan Expressway.

IF IT'S FLASHING MOVE OVER!

Fire Protection District

James Burke, Itasca Fire Protection District Chief • Phone: (630) 773-1223 • e-mail: jburke@itasca.com



Board of Trustees

Chris Kunze, President - ckunze@itasca.com, Kevin Boehne, Treasurer - kboehne@itasca.com, John Kearney, Secretary - jkearney@itasca.com

On behalf of the men and women of the District, we want to thank the residents of the District who graciously approved the referendum last fall that will allow us to continue to fund the services that you have come to expect from the District. The additional funds, which will be available to us starting June of this year, will be used for much needed station and equipment repairs, to keep our current staffing levels and to replace emergency equipment as needed.



What is happening in the District?

Beginning in February 2019 our front line engine company will have full advanced life support or ALS capabilities. What that means is that much like our paramedic unit, the engine will have all the same lifesaving equipment available that our ambulances have and at least one paramedic onboard to begin ALS treatment in the event our ambulance is tied up on a different call.

For the better part of 2018, due to unexpected injuries and retirements, we were operating with six open shift positions, which meant we were running at minimum manning over 75% of the time. I am pleased to report that we are very close to having 3 of those positions filled which should significantly help reduce overtime costs.

Beginning January 1, 2019 the District began a pilot study that was paid for by our insurance carrier. The study involves a private company called "Tactical Athlete". The program developed by Tactical Athlete has to do with treating any orthopedic injury that may occur to our personnel in the same fashion you would treat a professional athlete's injury. What that means is an accelerated process of diagnosis, imaging,

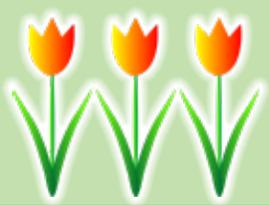


and physical therapy. Under the current system it often takes several days or even weeks to get through the process. The goal of the program is to get appropriate treatment and rehab so the employee can return to work as quickly as possible, thus reducing overtime costs.

We have taken delivery on our new ambulance which will replace the 12-year-old vehicle which has become a maintenance program for the past several years. The new unit has many new features that weren't available on the old unit. Hydraulic stretchers and lift systems are the 2 biggest improvements. These features allow personnel to load and unload patients into the ambulance with minimal effort, thus reducing lower back injuries which happen to be the most common injury we see. The new unit also has much improved interior and exterior LED lighting and a larger patient compartment to facilitate patient care.

During the blizzard that hit us in November, the District responded to 36 calls in a 20-hour time period. This was significant given the fact that the only other event busier than this, was the microburst wind event in July 2017. I'm proud to report that all of our on duty members worked tirelessly throughout the night, alongside our police and public works personnel to keep our residents safe.





District 10 Education Foundation 4th Annual Gala

The District 10 Education Foundation will host its 4th annual Gala on February 22nd at the Itasca Country Club. It will be a special night of fine dining, live music, and fundraising, all to support Itasca District 10 schools. This year, D10EF lights up the gala with the Feel Good Party Band, along with live auctions. Also new, each attendee, who purchases a Gala ticket, will be entered into a drawing to win a one carat diamond pendant generously donated by Ancona Jewelers.

D10EF, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, raises money through donations from individuals and businesses, as well as through community events like the gala. The foundation awards grant money for advanced educational resources that are beyond the scope of public school funding. Thanks to the community and local businesses, D10EF has been able to grant more than \$100,000 to Itasca School District 10 over the past four years.

Special thanks to the D10EF Gala's headline sponsor Electric-Flex, as well as to the Itasca Bank & Trust for its continued support. With generous donations from companies, like Electric-Flex, the foundation has been able to make classroom dreams come true. At the Gala, Bryen Travis will share the impact of being awarded SKOOG tactile cubes that allow students to make connections between music composition and computer coding. Such innovative technological grants not only engage students in new ways of creating music, but also spark their curiosity about the world of coding. These opportunities that prepare our youth for future challenges, while making learning fun, would not happen without corporate and community sponsorships and donations.

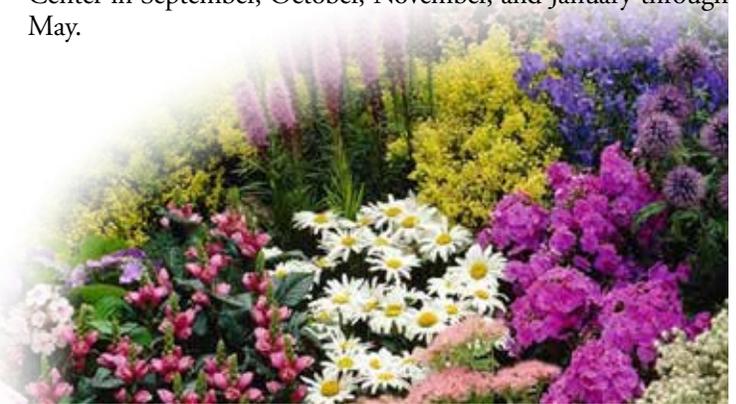
Please join us for this exciting evening and celebrate our students and teachers. Tickets can be purchased at www.d10ef.org. Consider donating to the D10EF or sponsoring future events at the same web address. Itasca's ongoing support of our schools encourages our students to grow deeper roots through learning, and this only helps our community grow stronger into the future.

Itasca's Garden Club Membership

In August of 1929, a group of ladies had staged a local garden show to promote the possibility of a Garden Club in Itasca. They decided they would meet monthly, set their dues at \$.50 per year, and in 1930 they joined "the Federation." Membership has grown over the years from the 16 members in 1930 to 46 members in 2019. The object of this club shall be (1) to stimulate the knowledge and love of gardening among amateurs, (2) to aid the protection of native trees, plants, and birds; and (3) to encourage civic planting. Projects have changed over the years but the "Itasca Garden Club" continues to stay true to the club's original purpose.

The club donates books to the library, provides fresh produce for the Food Pantry, participates in the Itasca Memorial Day Parade, helps the schools with garden ideas, and conducts resident programs at Forest View Nursing Center. At Christmas we help Food Pantry families celebrate, decorate a community Christmas tree, and create reception table arrangements for the Itasca Community Concert. In May of each year the Itasca Garden Club hosts the Annual and Perennial Plant Sales.

Guests are welcome at the club meetings and programs that are held the 4th Tuesday of the Month at the Itasca Recreation Center in September, October, November, and January through May.

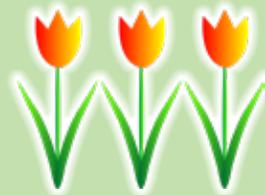


Itasca's Garden Club Plant Sale

In mid-March order forms for the Itasca Garden Club plant sale will be available at the Itasca Community Library and the Itasca Park District. Plants are preordered from a list of hanging baskets, potted plants, vegetables and grasses. There are begonias, petunias, geraniums, impatiens, zinnias, vinca vine, calibrachoa (million bells), spikes, coleus, tomatoes, cucumber and peppers to name a few.

The pickup date is May 18th.

There will be plants for sale that day but in order to get one's choice of plant or color it is best to use the preorder form. This year Garden Club members will be selling perennials from their gardens. For more information, call 630-773-8518.



Spring Events



Visit the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary on Rohlwing Road with an ADA accessible boardwalk with an approximate 1/3-mile loop, nature-based play area, shelter, grill, and habitat restoration!

Itasca's first Dog Park will open in May! Follow our website and social media for Grand Opening Event details.

Water Egg Hunt

Wed, Mar. 20th, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Eaglewood Pool \$8 Ages: Birth-14yrs

Bunny Tea Party

Sat, Apr. 6th, from 12-1:30 p.m. We'll build your very own stuffed bunny, play games, decorate cupcakes, and visit with the Bunny! Ages 2-10 Fee: \$25/\$35 Children must be accompanied by an adult at no charge.

Senior Scramble

Wed, Apr. 10th, from 7 p.m. Age 60+ Rec Center Gym

Come out and remember what it was like to be a kid! This free prize and egg hunt will have coupons, candy, and prizes including gift cards. Bring a bag for your treats!

Adult Eggstravaganza

Thu, Apr. 11th at 8 p.m. Don't miss this free adult egg hunt at Washington Park! Hidden eggs will contain gift certificates and coupons to local businesses, park district services and candy! Free babysitting included!

Eggstreme Teen Night

Fri, Apr. 12th at 8 p.m. 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! Best of all, it's free!

Free! Spring Fling

Sat, Apr. 13th, from 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Springbrook Nature Center. Enjoy a free Candy Hunt at 11 a.m., pictures with the Easter Bunny, snacks, crafts and more! Bring a basket to collect your goodies.



Get fit and feel great at the Itasca Fitness Center. Personal training is available 7 days a week. Try group fitness classes including Pilates, Boot Camp, Seniors in Motion and more!

We have tons of sports classes and camps! Check them out at www.itascaparkdistrict.com/sports.



Let's get ready for summer! **Waterpark Passes** are on sale beginning April 1st! Get in early for the best rate!

Register for Summer Day Camps, Sports & Nature Camps now! Early Bird rate ends April 30th.

Summer Jr Kindergarten, Preschool and Tiny Tikes classes are held at the Nature Center. Kids will learn while exploring the beautiful outdoors; sign up now!



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

Don't miss one of Itasca's best events of the year-the **Itasca Memorial Day Parade!** Step-off will be on Monday, May 27th at 9:30 a.m. A Memorial Service provided by V.F.W. Post #5167 and a picnic will follow the parade at Usher Park. Parade awards will also be announced.

Check out these upcoming events at the **Depot Museum: Itasca Art on Display:** all ages are invited to submit Itasca-centered art work of all formats! The showing will be Friday, May 24th on the Museum Campus. Entries must be received by **May 10th!** Winners will be displayed at the Depot Museum for the summer.

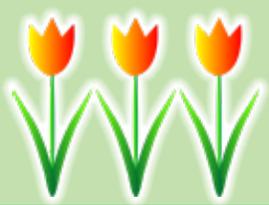
Feel like dancin'? **Adult Beginner Line Dance and Ballroom Dance** classes for ages 18+ are starting up again soon!



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.

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

Register for our programs online at www.itascaparkdistrict.com/register.



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News from the Adult Services Department

Let Us Bring the Library to You

If you live within the Itasca Community Library service area and are unable to visit the library due to health, mobility, or transportation reasons, call us at 630-773-1699. We can deliver library materials to you at no cost.

Foreign Language Collection

Have you checked out our Spanish and Polish collections on the second floor? We have a selection of popular fiction and nonfiction in both languages, as well as a section for English-language learners. You can also find new releases for this collection on the first floor.

Volunteering 101

Thursday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.

Volunteering is a great way to get involved in your community. Seasoned volunteer professionals from HandsOn Suburban Chicago will introduce you to their website, a user-friendly tool that will help you find the volunteer position that fits your skills and interests.

Volunteer Fair

Saturday, April 6, 12:00-4:00 p.m.

Looking for opportunities to volunteer and get involved with community organizations? Meet a variety of non-profit organizations in Itasca and DuPage County who are looking for people to donate their time.

Check out what's new at the library! Registration is required for most programs. Please visit itascalibrary.org for a complete calendar of programs for all ages.

News from the Youth Services Department

Take a StoryWalk® This Spring!

The library has teamed up with the Itasca Park District this spring to present a StoryWalk®, a fun way to combine reading and exercising. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs throughout indoor or outdoor spaces featuring spreads from a children's picture book, allowing a reader to follow along with a story by walking.

The StoryWalk® this spring will feature Kevin Henkes's picture book, *When Spring Comes*, and it will be at the loop right next to the Springbrook Nature Center starting Monday, March 18. This project is sponsored by the library, the Itasca Park District, the Friends of the Itasca Community Library, and the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center of Itasca. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

When Spring Comes StoryWalk® (geared to ages 3-6 years)

Tuesday, March 26, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Take a walk as you read a book at this storytime at the Springbrook Nature Center! After we take a StoryWalk® together outside, we'll have other fun spring-themed stories and activities to share. **Please meet at the Springbrook Nature Center at 1:55 p.m.**

Drop-In Family Art Night

(For Families)

Monday, April 29, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Have fun as a family and create art together! We'll provide the supplies and present project ideas to get you started. No registration is needed.

Daddy Daughter Hair Workshop

(ages 4-9 with a male caregiver)

Saturday, May 11, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Dads, are you at a loss when it comes to caring for your daughter's hair? You're not alone! Join us as professional stylist Franci Rodriguez demystifies ponytails, braids, and other hairstyles. We'll supply everything you'll need to create the hairstyles you learn.



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