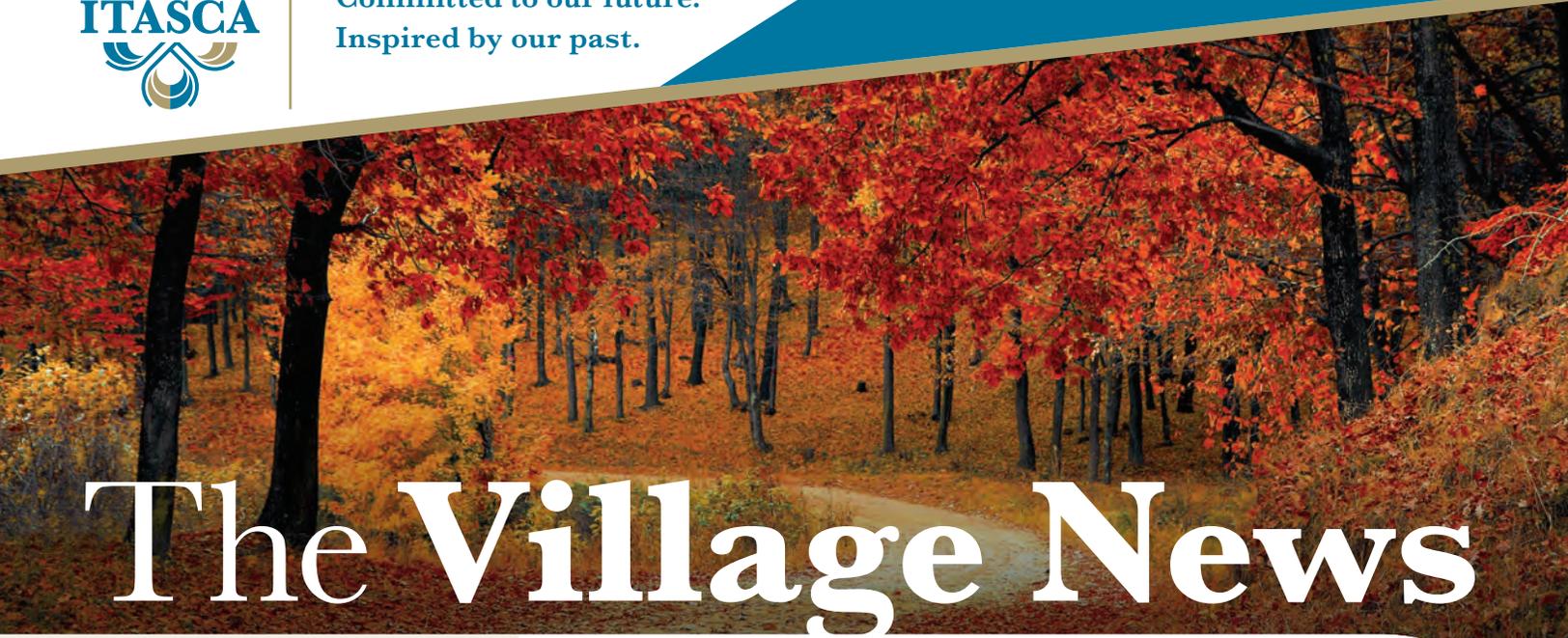




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Mayor’s Message



Mayor Jeff Pruyn

Dear Residents,

Nothing is more important than the health and happiness of our family, friends and neighbors.

As Mayor, my responsibility is to ensure I am doing everything I can to uphold and enhance our great Village. I serve at the pleasure of all of you; and I would like to add, I am proud to serve alongside a group of principled trustees and dedicated staff who are equally committed to preserving the exceptional quality of life we all enjoy.

Nearly everyone I talk with knows of a family member, friend or loved one that has battled the chains of drug addiction. That’s why when Haymarket Center approached me in April about a potential proposal to convert the Holiday Inn Itasca into a drug treatment and mental health facility, I assured them that the Village would fairly and professionally consider a proposal should they choose to submit one. At the same time, we let Haymarket know that we had questions about how its operations might impact our community.

These types of treatment centers absolutely serve a need that is unfortunately growing. And, since that first meeting, Village staff and I have worked tirelessly to learn more about Haymarket’s operations in order to help determine if the Holiday Inn Itasca is the right place to meet that need.

As I write this in the middle of August, we still don’t have all the answers.

While telling the public they want to be a good neighbor, Haymarket has attempted to influence Itasca officials by flaunting the support of well-connected Illinois politicians such as former Speaker Lee Daniels and DuPage County Chairman Dan Cronin. We have read more about Haymarket in the media than I have learned from Haymarket personally.

It is unconscionable to me that DuPage public officials continue to insist the proposal is positive for Itasca without ever picking up the phone to better understand our questions and concerns. Why aren’t our public officials standing with us and encouraging Haymarket Center to provide prompt answers about how its operations will impact the Village, our resources, our economy and our residents? If this proposal is so good for the county and good for Itasca, why not help us get answers to our questions?



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I will not be intimidated. If this is a need for all of DuPage County, all of DuPage County should be invested in helping Itasca.

The residents of Itasca make up less than 1% of DuPage County's total county population. Can our small town support a facility that will provide services for a county of nearly a million people? I don't know the answer to that question yet, but I am committed to seek answers to each and every question raised by the residents and businesses in Itasca.

On Wednesday, September 18th, the Plan Commission will open the public hearing on Haymarket's proposal. Whether you stand in support of the proposal or have concerns, I encourage anyone who feels strongly to show up at 7 p.m. at Peacock Middle School and exercise your right under the law to have your voice heard.

I have full faith that the Plan Commission (and later the Village Board) will listen with an open mind to Haymarket's proposal, carefully consider the testimony of residents and businesses who support the facility and seek to understand concerns raised by community members.

From the Desk of the Village Administrator

Carie Anne Ergo, Village Administrator

Hello Neighbors,

This summer my family and I moved into town. While Itasca does not have a residency requirement, it's important to me to spend as much time as possible in the village, to better understand the community's priorities, values, and concerns.

As your neighbor and Village Administrator, I understand why Haymarket's proposal to convert the Holiday Inn into a drug rehabilitation and mental health facility has generated so much community interest. That's why the Village Board and staff is committed to providing citizens as much information as possible about the proposal and how you can participate in the process.

With that in mind, I'd like to take this opportunity to explain the process that is currently underway. It is important to understand that Haymarket's request to redevelop the Holiday Inn property is a legal process, and the Village is bound to follow specific procedures. These procedures, spelled out in the law, ensure that every organization is given the same opportunities in the Village.

With that in mind, this is where Haymarket's proposal stands today.

Haymarket's petition has been filed and is scheduled to be reviewed by the Plan Commission at its September 18th meeting at 7 p.m. In the meantime, Village staff and a representative from the Fire District will evaluate the proposal and prepare comments for the Plan Commission to consider along with Haymarket's petition.

Under the law, each of you also have the right to provide comments to the Plan Commission prior to it making a recommendation to the Village Board through the legal public hearing process. According to Illinois Law, Plan Commissioners may ONLY consider testimony provided by citizens at the public hearing. Similar to a jury, the Plan Commission may not consider testimony that is not submitted on the official public record.

In response to significant community interest, the September 18th Plan Commission Meeting has been moved to Peacock Middle School. A big thank you to School District 10 for making Peacock available for this meeting.

Should time constraints prevent the Plan Commission from hearing all the testimony on September 18th, the Public Hearing may be continued to another date, so that every person can be heard. However, should the Plan Commission have sufficient time to hear all the speakers in attendance, the public hearing will close and the Plan Commission may not consider any additional public comments.

We will continue to post updates on the Village's website as new information becomes available. In the meantime, please help spread the word about the meeting on September 18th so that every voice is heard.

**Plan Commission
Public Hearing on Haymarket**
7 p.m. Wednesday, September 18th
Peacock Middle School

It is important for everyone who wants their voice heard to attend the Plan Commission Meeting. This public hearing may be the only opportunity for residents to share their thoughts and feelings about Haymarket's proposal before the Plan Commission votes on the petition. According to Illinois law, the Plan Commission may only consider comments that are submitted at the official public hearing.

Election Judges Needed

Village Clerk's Corner

The DuPage County Clerk's Election Division is actively looking for Election Judges for the upcoming March 17, 2020 election. Election Judges and Student Judges are the backbone of the election process and their efforts are much valued and appreciated! Judges are paid for the day and additional payment is available for attending training class(es) as long as the Judge serves on Election Day.

Responsibilities include administering election procedures in the polling place on Election Day, as well as ensuring that the election process is administered fairly and in accordance with the law.

If you are interested in working as an Election Judge, please complete the online application at:

Election Judge:

<https://www.dupageco.org/Election/JudgeApplication/>

Student Judge:

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

Click on Student Judge of Election Online Application.

For inquiries or more information, please contact

Valerie Prohammer at **630-407-5615**

or valerie.prohammer@dupageco.org.

Give Us Your Best Shot

Ever hear that a picture is worth a thousand words? Well we have and that is why we are inviting resident photographers – professional or amateur – to take their best shots of the Village. As part of the newsletter's new look, the Village would like to feature photographs from around town that exemplify why residents choose to call Itasca home. If you have a great photo and would like to have it considered for our newsletter, please submit it to deputyclerk@itasca.com, along with details of who/what the photograph is of, when it was taken, and its importance to you. A select few will be featured on the cover of the newsletter.

Please be aware of the following when submitting:

- All photos should be in print quality resolution.
- Photos must be the original work of the submitter or include written consent from the photographer.
- Once submitted, photos become the property of the Village of Itasca and may be altered as necessary.



- Submitters grant the Village of Itasca a royalty-free, perpetual, non-exclusive license to display, distribute, reproduce and create derivative works of the entries, in whole or in part, in any media now existing or subsequently developed for any education, promotional, publicity, and other Village of Itasca purposes. Any photograph reproduced by the Village, will include a photographer credit as feasible. The Village of Itasca will not be required to seek any additional approval in connection with such uses.

Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Monday: No Meetings Scheduled

Tuesday:

1st Tuesday - Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m.*

3rd Tuesday - Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m.*

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

*Committee of the Whole immediately after

State of the Village Address & Luncheon with Mayor Jeff Pruyn

Join the Chamber on Tuesday, September 24th, as they host the annual State of the Village Address and Luncheon at the Itasca Country Club. Mayor Pruyn will outline why 'Itasca Means Business' and provide a brief update on all things Itasca.

Tickets are available through the GOA's website at www.thegoa.com for \$27 in advance, \$30 at the door, \$35 walk ins.

Planning Grant Awarded for Downtown Plan Update

The Village has been awarded a grant by the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) Community Planning Program and the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning (CMAP) Local Technical Assistance Program. We have been awarded an \$80,000 grant from the RTA, with a \$20,000 local match from the Village, in order to pursue an update to our 2003 Downtown Strategic Action Plan. This plan update will complement our 2015 Comprehensive Plan's goals of strengthening the downtown business atmosphere

by guiding future development, building on the Village's unique character that the Village of Itasca has, and initiating opportunities for strategic Transit Oriented Development (TOD). We highly encourage public input in the upcoming months and expect that public meetings will occur later this year. We want to hear from our residents and business owners on what you would like to see in your downtown area! Stay tuned for updates and announcements at www.itasca.com or on the Village of Itasca's social media channels!

A Big Thank You to Itasca Businesses

The April 22, 2019 edition of Crain's Chicago Business published the Crain's List: Annual Ranking of Chicago's Largest Privately Held Companies. This list covered the largest 325 privately held companies in the Chicago area and Itasca was noted to have the second highest number of companies located within its borders. The Village of Itasca would like to extend a warm thank you to those businesses that contribute to the vibrant economy in Itasca. We are so glad you are a part of our community!

These businesses include, but are not limited to: Jewel-Osco, Boler Co., Seko Global, Emkay Inc., AIT Worldwide, Fellowes Inc., FCL Builders, W.S. Darley & Co., Premier Design and Build Group, Tony's Finer Foods, Hendricksen & Co., Sure-Staff Inc., Enesco LLC, and Walter E. Smithe Furniture Inc. There are

multiple businesses that received further recognition including Jewel-Osco ranking as one of the Top 10 largest privately held companies in the Chicago Area. Additionally, Jewel-Osco is the top company to employ full-time, local employees. W.S. Darley & Co. was ranked as one of the fastest growing companies since 2017. Surestaff and ATI Holdings are also recognized as being within the Top 20 companies with full-time employees. Furthermore, the Village extends a warm thank you to all businesses that contribute to the diverse economy in Itasca.

We are proud that you call Itasca home. If you or someone that you know is interested in opening or relocating a business to Itasca, please visit our website at www.itasca.com/Opening-A-Business-In-Itasca for further information.

The end of Daylight Savings

Sunday, November 3rd



The end of Daylight Savings Time is Sunday, November 3rd. Remember to change your smoke alarm and carbon monoxide detector batteries while changing your clocks. Smoke alarms save lives. According to the National Fire Protection Association,

properly installed and maintained smoke alarms play a vital role in reducing fire deaths and injuries. Three of every five home fire deaths result from fires in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. If there is a fire in your home, smoke spreads quickly and a working smoke alarm will give you time to get out.

Itasca Means 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:

- Good News Publishers, 751 N. Rohlwing Rd. (warehouse facility)
- High Tech Auto Repair and Body Work, 220 W. Irving Park Rd. (auto repair and body work)
- Made Men Distributors, LLC, 1115 Hilltop Dr. Unit 1A (warehouse and distribution)
- Worldwide Logistic Partners, Inc. 950 Hollywood Ave. (freight forwarding and repackaging)
- Phoenix Binding Corp, 690 Hilltop Dr. (book binding)
- Helix Hospitality, 1101 N. Prospect Ave. (real estate management)
- Nite Owl Packaging, LLC, 925 N. Hilltop Dr. (commercial printing and packaging)

Itasca Special Events



Lip Sync Battle

September 12th

Join the GOA for the second year for an EPIC BATTLE between its members on Thursday, September 12th. Want to know who has talent? Think you have what it takes to be a Rockstar? Get your

microphones ready for an awesome time as they set the stage for a member-to-member LIP SYNC BATTLE! Enter for your chance to win the fan favorite trophy or be the champion of the belt! This event is from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the Itasca Country Club.

Tickets are available through the GOA's website at www.thegoa.com for \$35 in advance, \$40 walk ins, 10 tickets for \$300.



Halloween Hours

October 31st

Ghosts and goblins are preparing to haunt Itasca this Halloween – on Thursday, October 31st, between 3:00 and 8:00 p.m. Halloween is a holiday that many children look

forward to, which is why Itasca plans its trick-or-treat hours to accommodate all of them. This allows some daylight hours for the youngest super heroes and princesses, and some time for the older ghosts and witches. As always, please be careful while children are out enjoying this time.

Below are a few safety tips parents should discuss with their children in order to make it a safe and fun Halloween for all.

- Children should observe trick-or-treat hours and only approach homes that are well-lit at night.
- Before heading out, make sure masks and costumes fit properly, to avoid bumps and falls.
- Bring a flashlight or a glow stick to help with visibility.
- Decorate costumes and trick-or-treat bags with reflective tape or stickers.
- Carry a cell phone or team-up with someone who has one. Keep the phone easily accessible and report any suspicious activity or incidents to the Itasca Police by calling 911.
- Plan a safe route and avoid cutting through alleys, backyards, or unlit areas.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

Itasca's Largest Tailgate Party

September 5th

Itasca's Largest Tailgate Party has a new date! Join us Thursday, September 5th from 7:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. downtown on Orchard Street to watch the Bears take on the Packers. Visitors can choose from different scheduled games, which will be played on one large blow-up screen and other 60" televisions. Entry into the event will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The Itasca Lions Club will be grilling food that will be for sale along with beer and soda.

Oktoberfest

September 6th - 7th



Join us for the 12th Annual Itasca Oktoberfest event on Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th downtown on Orchard Street. This is a great family event with FREE admission and parking. Please see below for more information.

Friday, September 6th, 5:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

- Ed Wagner Band from 7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Saturday, September 7th, 12:00 – 10:30 p.m.

- Bratwurst Brothers from 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- Johnny Wagner Band from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- Kids Korner from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Authentic German Food prepared by Catering with Elegance:

- Spaetzle
- Pork Dinner
- Bratwurst
- Sauerkraut
- Meatballs with Spaetzle
- German Potato Salad
- Pretzels

German Hats will be sold for \$2.00 each with all proceeds going to the Itasca Walk-In Ministry and the Itasca Food Pantry. For more information, visit our website at www.itasca.com. The concealment and carrying of firearms is prohibited at this event under law.

Oktoberfest 5K

September 7th

Get ready, set, and run! Join the Itasca Runner's club for their annual Oktoberfest 5K run on Saturday, September 7th. Registration remains open until the night before the race but is limited to the first 750 participants. For more information, visit www.itascaoktoberfest5k.org. Race begins at 9:00 a.m.

Fred Maier Announces Retirement

Mr. Fred Maier is retiring from his part-time position of Environmental Services Coordinator (ESC) with the Village of Itasca on October 23rd of this year. Fred has served as the part-time ESC since retiring from his full-time position as Nature Center Director in 2011. Over the last eight years, Fred has overseen Arbor Day celebrations, Green Day Recycling Events, the Annual DuPage County-wide River Sweep, along with Pumpkin, Cooking Oil, and Holiday Light Recycling programs.

Fred began his career with the Village in 1979, starting out developing the Springbrook Nature Center building, grounds and programs. During his time with the Village, he taught two generations of Itascans about local nature and wildlife, assisted hundreds of residents with animal issues, helped design several Village parks and hosted a local cable television Show, Spring

Brook Today, for over 25 years. He also worked with a wide range of corporations and community groups, coordinating volunteer programs and volunteer work days. Following the microburst that dropped large numbers of trees and major tree limbs several years ago, Fred led several groups in clearing the Nature Center trail system, clearing much of the grounds of downed branches and planting seedlings to start the process of replacing some of the trees lost to the storm.

When asked what he planned to do in retirement, Fred said: "I'm hoping to be able to spend more time gardening in my own yard and doing more work at Saint Peter's Church here in town. It's been a wonderful forty years with the Village, and I am grateful for all the opportunities the Village provided me in my career."

Resident Spotlight

Planting Milkweed, Saving Monarchs



Last fall, Lu Semenzin approached the Village sharing her passion for cultivating Monarch butterflies. The Village soon partnered with Lu and Eagle Scout candidate Dylan Williams to transform a two-acre prairie in the Springbrook Nature Center into a Monarch Butterfly habitat.

This summer, Dylan led a group of scouts from Troop 409, adults and youth in planting 200 milkweed plants throughout the prairie. A majority of the plants were donated by Monarch Watch after Lu connected the Village to this not-for-profit organization dedicated to promoting natural Monarch butterfly habitats.

Milkweed plants are the only plant monarch caterpillars can eat. If there are no milkweed plants, there are no monarch butterflies. Thanks to Lu and Dylan, within the next two years visitors to the Nature Center prairie will be able to see monarch butterflies and monarch caterpillars quietly munching on milkweed leaves.

We hope everyone will be able to visit the Nature Center prairie and discover the beauty of both our native milkweeds and the monarch caterpillars and butterflies that depend on them.

Caring for Your Trees in the Fall



Fall is just around the corner, and soon the leaves will be changing color. Although we're coming to the end of the growing season, trees still need care to make sure they go into dormancy on a healthy note. Following these easy tips can help ensure your trees are healthy when they leaves return in spring.

- **Make sure you water.** Although the ground isn't drying as quickly as it did during the summer, trees still need to receive adequate water though the fall. Generally, they need about an inch of water per week.
- **Don't forget to mulch.** It is recommended that you place mulch around the base of the tree to help retain soil moisture and keep the ground from freezing, allowing more time for roots to grow. Mulch should not be piled up against the trunk of the tree, but rather be placed at ground level right next to the trunk.
- **Be Sure to trim.** Removing dead and broken limbs can help improve the health of the tree, as well as reducing overwintering insects and fungi, and removing fallen leaves, fruit, and other tree debris from the landscape can help reduce foliar diseases the following season.

Yard Waste & Bulk Brush Collection

Homeowners who are clearing out seasonal brush and storm damage brush should keep the following guidelines in mind: Brush and Yard Waste pick-up begins the 1st Monday of April and continues through the last Monday in November.



Guidelines for the Brush Collection Program

- Brush is picked up every Monday - 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 pounds. 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 6 inches in diameter and no longer than 4 feet. Larger branches and tree trunks must be handled by homeowners.
- The Village of Itasca does not provide pick-up for unbundled brush piles.
- Refuse, recycling and brush/yard waste may not be placed out at the curb before 4 p.m. on the Sunday prior to trash pick-up.
- All empty refuse containers must be removed from the curb by 10 p.m. on the day of pick-up.

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 pounds.

Alternatively, residents can dispose of yard waste by:

- Starting a compost pile or adding leaves to an existing one. Composted leaves and other organic materials are an excellent resource for fertilizing your garden in the summer months. It provides necessary nutrients, while also reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Using a mulching mower, which will chop leaves into smaller pieces that will decompose directly on lawns. The leaf pieces can also be collected and spread around flowerbeds and shrubs as mulch.
- If recycling leaves on your property is not an option, residents may bring leaves to DuPage Yard Waste (1195 W. Washington St., West Chicago) for a fee.

Nicor Gas Improvement Project

As you may have noticed, Nicor Gas has been in our area installing new natural gas mains in both the north and south sections of town. It is anticipated that this project will take 16-18 weeks to complete, with restoration taking several months. The Village's Public Works Department and Engineer will be working closely with Nicor and their contractors, to lessen the impact on residents. If you have any questions on the project, please feel free to contact Nicor directly at **(224) 227-4547** or at **msteisk@southernco.com**. More information regarding this project can be found at www.nicorgas.com/residential/work-in-your-neighborhood. You may also visit the Village's website for further details.

Storm Drain Adoption

This year, the Village of Itasca is asking you to consider adopting a storm drain in your neighborhood. Storm drains are the open grates found along the edges of our streets and in some of our local parkways. Storm drains are designed to collect storm water and direct it to underground storm sewers. The storm sewers then direct the storm water to local retention and detention ponds, or local streams. Any pollution or debris that goes down a storm drain winds up entering these same waterways, so please do not dump anything down into the storm drains.



Please help us keep storm drains free from debris and remove any litter that may get caught there. While the Village does have all streets swept with a commercial street sweeper regularly during the spring, summer and fall, yard waste and trash can build up between sweepings. These leaves and other debris (and during the winter - snow and ice) can quickly clog the storm drain, preventing water from entering. This causes local flooding, which creates problems for you and your neighbors. Help clear away materials that may clog the storm water intake.

Report A Street Light Out

To report that a street light is out on a metal or cement pole, please contact our Public Works Department at **630-773-2455**. Or visit the Village's website to enter a service request. Please have the following information available: the pole number (which is a letter and number) and the location (address, intersection). For street lights out on wooden poles, please contact ComEd at **1-800-EDISON1 (1-800-334-7661)**.

Police Department Welcomes New Officers



Officer Stevens



Officer Keinath

The Itasca Police Department is pleased to introduce Officers Jesse Stevens and Kevin Keinath. Both officers have completed their law enforcement academy training and will complete an intensive 15-week field training program before achieving their solo patrol status.

Officer Jesse Stevens graduated from Harper College in Palatine with a degree in Law Enforcement. When he is not on the job, he enjoys spending time with his family. Officer Stevens and his

girlfriend just had twin girls, so sleep is very rare. But he couldn't be happier. When asked about joining the IPD, Officer Stevens stated, "Being a first-generation Police Officer in my family, I'm very much looking forward to a long and rewarding career. I'm especially excited to be working for Itasca. The community members have been very welcoming and supportive."

Officer Kevin Keinath graduated from Western Illinois University with a Bachelor of Science in Law Enforcement and Justice Administration. In his previous employment, he worked court security for two years in Kane County Illinois. Officer Keinath's hobbies include playing golf, spending time with his family, traveling the U.S. and riding his motorcycle. When asked about joining the department, Officer Keinath stated, "I am very excited about my future with the Itasca Police Department, especially being able to build strong community relationships with the citizens of Itasca."

The Itasca Police Department welcomes Officer Stevens and Officer Keinath and wishes them long and successful careers.

Promotion of James Duda



Officer James Duda was officially sworn in as Sergeant on November 20, 2018 at the Village Board meeting. Sergeant Duda began his career with the Itasca Police Department on February 11, 2008. Sergeant

Duda was previously a police officer in the Village of Gilberts, IL (2005 until 2008) and an Auxiliary officer with the Village of Rosemont (1999 until 2006).

Throughout his career with IPD, Sergeant Duda was assigned to several positions in the Department which included Field Training Officer, Juvenile Officer, Elderly Service Officer, DARE Officer, Evidence Technician, Crisis Intervention Officer and School Resource Officer.

"Sergeant Duda has achieved this promotion through his hard work and dedication to the Police Department and the residents of Itasca. Jim's previous service as the Department's DARE officer and Elderly Service liaison have been proved a valuable contribution to the Itasca community. Jim is always looking to assist the department in making the Itasca PD the outstanding accredited police agency it is." said Director O'Connor. When asked about his new appointment, Sergeant Duda stated "I am looking forward to working with my fellow officers in a new capacity and ensuring the safety of our Community."

Congratulations Sergeant Duda.



Safe Exchange Zone

The Itasca Police Department will be making online transactions safer by designating a Safe Exchange Zone location at the Police Department located at 540 W. Irving Park Road. Two parking spots, located in front of the Police Department, will be designated with signs to this initiative. Please note, officers will not get involved or actively monitor transactions in the Safe Exchange Zone, unless there is a reason to believe that a crime has been committed.

Director O'Connor said "This initiative addresses both safety and awareness concerns with regards to internet-based purchases or sales to and from strangers through the various websites that sell goods. While most transactions through websites are legitimate, individuals can be vulnerable to criminal activity from online predators."

The Village of Itasca prides itself in being a safe community and the Police Department is pleased to assist residents looking for added peace of mind when conducting these types of transactions.

Director O'Connor offered the following suggestions when meeting with someone at the Safe Exchange Zone.

- Tell a third party you're conducting a transaction and try not to make it alone.
- Meet in a public place, such as the Itasca Police Department designated Safe Exchange Zone.
- Don't go to someone's home or invite them to your home.
- Conduct the transaction during the daytime whenever possible.
- Take a cashier's check or money order for the transaction, not cash (if possible).



When to Call 9-1-1

Dialing 9-1-1 isn't always appropriate - specifically when it comes to reporting non-emergencies. So, when is it appropriate to call 9-1-1? The following guidelines and tips are provided by the National Emergency Number Association or NENA.

NOTE: You are encouraged to call 9-1-1 for any situation in which you are uncertain.

TOP 10 TIPS FOR CALLING 9-1-1

1. IS A PERSON HURT OR IN DANGER? - DO YOU NEED THE POLICE, FIRE OR AMBULANCE?

Have you ever wondered whether to call 9-1-1? Since 9-1-1 is for emergencies only, it helps to understand when to call and when not to call. An emergency is any serious situation where a law enforcement officer, fire fighter, or emergency medical help is needed right away. If you are unsure of whether your situation is an emergency, go ahead and call 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 call taker can determine if you need emergency assistance and can route you to the correct location.

2. IF YOU DO CALL 9-1-1, EVEN BY MISTAKE, DO NOT HANG UP THE PHONE.

9-1-1 call takers are trained to get the most important information as quickly as possible to get help on the way to an emergency situation. In an emergency situation, allow the call taker to ask you all the questions they need in order to get help there in the timeliest manner before you hang up or leave the phone. If you happen to call by accident, stay on the line until you can tell the call taker that you called by accident and there is no emergency. This saves the call taker from having to call you back and confirm there is no emergency or possibly sending police with lights and sirens to check your address for an emergency.

3. WHEN CALLING 9-1-1 DO YOUR BEST TO STAY CALM AND ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

Staying calm can be difficult, yet it is the most important thing you can do when calling 9-1-1. It is critical that you stay calm as possible and answer all the questions the 9-1-1 call taker asks. The questions 9-1-1 call takers ask, no matter how relevant they seem, are important in helping get the first responders to you as fast as possible.

4. HELP THE 9-1-1 CALL TAKER HELP YOU.

Listen and answer the questions asked. By doing this, it helps the call taker understand your situation and will assist you with your emergency until the appropriate police, fire or medical units arrive.

5. KNOW THE LOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY.

The 9-1-1 center that answers the call may not be the 9-1-1 center that services the area from which the wireless caller is located. It is important that you know the name of the city or county that you are in. Knowing the location is vital to getting the appropriate police, fire or EMS units to respond. Look for landmarks, cross street signs, and buildings. Providing an accurate address is critical when making a wireless 9-1-1 call.

6. TEACH YOUR CHILDREN HOW TO CALL 9-1-1.

Be sure they know what 9-1-1 is, how to dial from your home and cell phone, and to trust the 9-1-1 call taker. Make sure your child is physically able to reach at least one phone in your home. When calling 9-1-1 your child needs to know their name, parent's name, telephone number, and most importantly their address. Tell them to answer all the call takers questions and to stay on the phone until instructed to hang up.

7. PRANK CALLS TO 9-1-1 WASTE TIME AND ARE ILLEGAL IN MOST STATES.

Be sure all members of your household are aware that prank or harassing calls to 9-1-1 will be dealt with by local law enforcement agencies.

8. POST YOUR ADDRESS CLEARLY AND PROMINENTLY AT YOUR ENTRANCE AND ON YOUR HOME.

Posting your 9-1-1 address at the driveway entrance and on your home will alleviate any confusion as to whether emergency responders have the correct location. Try using something reflective or illuminated so that it can be seen in the evening as well as during the day.

9. DO NOT ASSUME SINCE YOUR MAILBOX IS MARKED YOU HAVE POSTED YOUR ADDRESS.

Mailboxes are not always at the entrance of a driveway and are usually not marked clearly on both sides. Make sure your address is clearly visible from the street either by posting it on your house and/or both sides of your mailbox. Always report a missing street sign, as these not only help others find your home, but are essential to emergency response personnel.

10. KNOW THE PHONES YOU OWN

Educate everyone about the phone system in your home as well as your cell phone. Children may need to use the devices in an emergency and will need to know how to operate them. If your phone service uses the internet, they will not work if you lose your internet connection for any reason.

The information provided in this article along with additional information may be found at www.nena.org/page/911TipsGuidelines



Barking Lot Dog

The Barking Lot Dog Park is now open on Rohlwing Road! There are Small Dog and Mixed Sizes areas. DuPage County Vaccinations are required. Open sunrise to sunset every day.

Springbrook Celebration!

Sat., Sept. 21st, 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.
at the Nature Center
sponsored by Subaru



Let's celebrate nature at the Springbrook Nature Center! Enjoy music, wine and beer tasting, live music, face painting, crafts, games, and s'mores!

A Duck Race in the creek will be held with prizes including 32" Smart TV, Eaglewood Resort "Overnight Stay", Itasca Country Club Social Membership, 2020 Family Season Pool Pass, One-Year Itasca Fitness Membership and more.

Raffle Cost:

\$10 per Duck, or 3 for \$25. Winners need not be present.

All proceeds from this Friends of Springbrook fundraiser will go to Youth Nature Programming and Exhibits.

Pre-Registration fee:

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

Itasca Halloween Celebration

Sat., Oct. 5th, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
at the Itasca Rec Center

Free pumpkin decorating, bounce house, pony rides and more. This event is sponsored by the Village of Itasca.

Itasca Haunted Trail

Fri., Oct. 18th, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for families
Fri., Oct. 18th, 7 - 9:30 p.m. for age 12+
at the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary

ACTIVE Scaring! Fee: \$5/\$2 repeat trips

Trick or Treat Trail

Sat., Oct 19th, 12 - 1:30 p.m.
at the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary

Families enjoy a trip around the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary loop, receive treats and make crafts!



Screech Cinema

Sat., Oct 19th, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Bring the family out for a fun Halloween movie: "Hotel Transylvania" at the Nature Center starting at 6:30 p.m. Enjoy a fire at the fire ring with hot chocolate and marshmallows—all free!

Coming this Fall

New Interpretive and Way-finding Signage at the Nature Center! Stop by and visit our 9 resident raptors.

The Itasca Fitness Center has added new classes including Kids Kickboxing for Grades 3rd - 8th, Adult Cardio Kickboxing, evening Boot Camp and more! Visit: itascaparkdistrict.com/groupfitness for details!

Register for WIBA Youth Basketball League by Oct. 28th! Visit: itascaparkdistrict.com/sports for info on many more sports classes and camps!

Trips for adults ages 30+ , 40+, 50+, and 60+

We have many trips including Newsies Show, Starved Rock Trolley Tour, Night of 1,000 Jack-o-lanterns, Tea at the Drake Hotel and more.

Visit: itascaparkdistrict.com/trips to see them all!

Check out our new classes at the Nature Center: Unicorn Art & Slime, BYOB Acrylic Pour, A Slice of Apple Fun, and Changing Colors!

Club Friday Night for Itasca 3rd - 5th Graders on Sept. 13th, Oct. 4th, & Nov. 8th. Come at 5:30 p.m. for pizza and craft hour option before each dance!

NEW! Daddy Daughter Dance

Sat., Nov, 16th, 6 p.m. at the Itasca Rec Center

Enjoy crafts, desserts, dancing and more for ages 2 & up.

Sign up for Text or Email alerts at itascaparkdistrict.com/notifyme. Choose from specific lists with news from the Waterpark, Ice Rink, Fitness Center, Special Events, and more!

Host your birthday party or celebration at the Itasca Rec Center or Nature Center. We offer many themes, call 630-773-2257 for details.



Download the Park District Mobile App on Apple or Google Play.
For more information visit: itascaparkdistrict.com



On the Same Page Community Read 2019

The Itasca Community Library is once again partnering with the Roselle and Bloomingdale Public Libraries for *On the Same Page*. Join us for programs related to the book chosen for this year – *Ruthless River: Love and Survival by Raft on the Amazon's Relentless Madre de Dios* by Holly FitzGerald. Below is a list of programs at the Itasca Community Library; a full list of programs at all three libraries can be found in the library's fall newsletter. Most programs require registration, unless otherwise noted. Register at itascalibrary.org or by calling 630-773-1699.

Book Discussions:

- Man vs. Book - Thursday, October 3rd, 7:00 p.m.
- Beyond the Library - Monday, October 14th, 7:30 p.m. at Fox & Turtle Restaurant
- Morning Book Discussion - Wednesday, October 23rd, 10:30 a.m.
- Evening Book Discussion - Tuesday, October 29th, 7:00 p.m.

Life Skills: Basic Sewing

Thursday, October 10th, 7:00 p.m.

Your life may not depend on being able to sew, but it is a great skill to have. Everyone should know how to sew on a button, repair a seam, and fix a hem. All supplies will be provided.

Worst Case Scenario: Basic Survival Skills

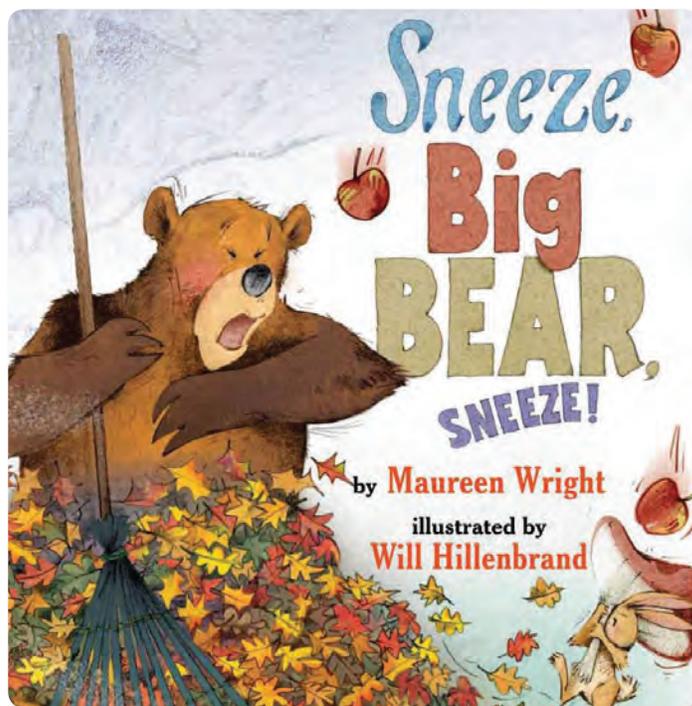
Saturday, October 12th, 1:00 p.m.

Fred Maier will lead this interactive outdoor program on basic survival skills. Learn how to start a fire, make cord or rope out of native plants, and knife safety. Bring a pocket knife if you have one. We will start in the library and then head to the Nature Center. Rain or shine – dress for the weather.

Hiking Chicago's Outerbelt

Wednesday, October 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

The best kept hiking secret in the Chicago area is the Outerbelt, a 210-mile ring of greenspace around the metro area starting and ending at Buckingham Fountain. Listen to representatives from The Outerbelt Alliance as they discuss their experiences on the trail and how you can access it.



Take a StoryWalk® This Fall!

The library has teamed up with the Itasca Park District this summer to present a StoryWalk®, a fun way to combine reading and exercising. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring spreads from a children's picture book spread throughout indoor or outdoor spaces, allowing a reader to follow along with a story by walking. The StoryWalk® this fall will feature Maureen Wright's picture book, *Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze!*, and it will be at the loop right next to the Springbrook Nature Center starting Monday, September 9. 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. You can view the StoryWalk® on your own time, or register for the following program:

Sneeze, Big Bear, Sneeze!

StoryWalk® (geared to ages 3-6 years)

Tuesday, October 8th, 1:00 - 1:45 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 nature-themed stories and activities to share. Please meet at the Springbrook Nature Center at 12:55 p.m.

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has joined Neighbors by Ring!



Neighbors by Ring

Neighbors by Ring is the Neighborhood Watch App that sends real-time crime and safety notifications directly to your phone.

Join the **Itasca Police Department** on the Neighbors App by texting **itascail** to **555888** or visit download.ring.com/itasca today.

