

The Stickney Times

SPRING 2022



Message from **MAYOR WALIK**

I would like to start by letting you know that the Village is in great financial shape. In a recent meeting with our finance director, he shared with us that the Village saved approximately \$49,000.00 in the last six months and received a \$150,000.00 grant. I am proud of our Finance Committee, Trustees, and Department Heads, ALL of them are always looking to save monies without cutting the great services in our Village. Any improvement projects in our parks, alleys and streets are carefully

planned in advanced and budgeted for and applying for and using grant money. This administration never extends itself for unnecessary projects in the Village.

Our brand-new ambulance will be arriving soon. This is a lease/purchase agreement, (See Fire Chief's article). It was time for an upgrade!

Our Police Department has sworn in four new full-time officers, one being our very own K-9 officer, and four new auxiliary officers. Safety is our number one priority and I assure you that you can all feel safer living in this great community (see Police Chief's article).

A tip of the cap to our Public Works employees for working around the clock during the recent snowstorms to clear our streets, municipal complex, alleys, and the business district to accommodate the customers that patronize the businesses. Along with the clearing of the snow, the public works men still have their regular duties that need to get done like special pickups, cleaning and fixing of equipment around the Village buildings and grounds.

This upcoming year will be filled with new projects, new ideas, and a lot of fun filled times, featuring our Easter egg hunt, our little league soccer combo parade, Music in the Park and a special Cinco De Mayo Celebration. More details in Trustee Torres report, (she has put a lot of time into planning all the upcoming events).

As always, if you have a concern, please reach out to Linda in the front office X526 for an answer or she will direct your matter to the proper department.

Also, your Village Trustees are available by phone or email, look them up and they'll be happy to help you.

HAVE A GREAT SPRING.

Your Village Officials

Mayor
Jeff Walik

Clerk
Audrey McAdams

Trustees
Mary Hrejsa
Tim Kapolnek
Mitch Milenkovic
Sam Savopoulos
Lea Torres
Jeff White

Fire Chief
Jeff Boyajian

Chief of Police
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**Director of
Public Works**
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**Village
Finance Director**
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Mitch Milenkovic
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From the Desk of Clerk,
AUDREY MCADAMS

VETERANS MEMORIAL

★ ENGRAVING REQUEST ★

Person's full given name

Branch of the service

Conflict they were in (example: WWII, Vietnam, Iran, etc.)

Full payment must be made before the order is given to the monument engraver. Cost is factored in based on length of name, branch of service and abbreviation of conflict.

The weather must be warm enough to allow the monuments to be warm enough to cut the granite.

It takes approximately three weeks before the engraving will be scheduled and take place.

Thank you in your interest of Stickney's Veterans Memorial.

Please contact Clerk Audrey McAdams with your information. The clerk will verify the cost with the engraver and let you know the cost. At that time, you will make the check out to the Village of Stickney and the order will be placed.

Memorial Day

— Honoring All Who Served —

The annual Memorial Day commemorative ceremony will take place on Monday, May 30, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. You are invited to participate in this ceremony at the Veteran's Memorial Monument site located at 39th and Ridgeland. This is a rain or shine event. There will be light refreshments afterward.

Stickney Has Moved Congressional Districts

The 2020 Census data is instrumental in drawing the new legislative maps detailing political boundaries for the next ten years. Illinois is one of three states that lost population over the past 10 years. Because of that, Illinois goes from having 18 congressional representatives to 17. A new congressional draft was created during a public hearing. Stickney has been moved from the 3rd congressional district into the 4th congressional district.





From the Desk of Trustee, **JEFF WHITE**

I hope you all had a safe winter season. Spring is finally here. Who would have thought that we would be into the 3rd year of Covid 19 restrictions? I believe that this virus has touched all our lives in one way or another. I personally know a few people that were lost and many that were sick with the virus. Here at the Village, we have been following the Governor's and the Health official's guidelines. We continue to mask up at the Village for the safety of all. For a short time, we were back in person for our Village Board Meetings. We are now back to zoom meetings and looking forward to being

back in person soon. The numbers that the health officials put out are looking better every day. We can't forget what we need to do to get through this. Best to be Vaccinated and Boosted, but if not please be safe, social distance, wash hands and wear your mask.

The Village has an official Facebook page. If you search Village of Stickney on Facebook, you will find our official page. Please "like" and follow our page. Our page is informational only. We try to let residents know about important happenings in the Village. Water main breaks, garbage delays, upcoming events, etc. If you are on Facebook, it's a great tool to stay informed about our community.

We have all received our 1st installment tax bill. This bill is due March 1st. Just a reminder that this bill is 55 percent of our 2020 tax bill. Taxpayers should note that first installment tax bills will not reflect the impact of successful assessment appeals filed for tax year 2021. Exemptions and successful appeals will instead appear on second installment bills, along with the effect of changes in the tax levies of local governments. We balanced our 2021-2022 budget without any tax increases in property taxes to our residents. Total tax bills for the year will be calculated at the time the second installment tax bills are issued. The amount due on the second installment will be the total annual tax bill for 2021. Also be aware that the 2nd tax bills are usually mailed out at the end of June. They will be several months later than normal this year.

With the coming of Spring there is more and more daylight each passing day. It makes us all feel better! Enjoy each day as much as you can. There is light at the end of this Covid tunnel.



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From the Desk of Trustee,
SAM SAVOPOULOS

Annual 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Spring is upon us and it's time to think about replacing damaged sidewalk squares. After a long and harsh winter filled with snow and ice, our sidewalks have taken a beating. The snow and ice have caused cracks and crumbling. In the past we have done very well in getting our residents to sign up and participate in our 50/50 program, but we would like to do better this year and increase resident participation. If your sidewalks are cracked and damaged, we encourage you to pick up a 2022 - 50/50 sidewalk application. Applications for the 50/50 sidewalk program will be taken through April 29th. Applications are available at the Village Hall, or you can download one from the comfort of your own home through our website at www.villageofstickney.com.



From the Desk of Trustee,
TIM KAPOLNEK

Spring, a time of rebirth after a winter of cold and snow. Everyone looks forward to Spring. The flowers will start to bloom, the leaves will start opening on the trees, and of course warmer weather. Spring is also the time to get out and clean up winter's mess. Residents get out and fertilize their lawns, plant flowers and plants and other projects to make Stickney a beautiful place to live.

A reminder to all residents to consider accessing the Village website. (www.villageofstickney.com) It is a great tool for getting information, updates, permit applications, requests, contacts, notices, pay bills and you can even look at pictures from previous events held in the Village. It is an easy way to speed up your time at the window at Village Hall by coming in with your forms prefilled out. So please use this to your advantage, as the Village redid the website with our residents in mind.

St. Pius X Church went through the Renew my Church program in 2021 with four churches in the grouping. The Archdiocese of Chicago has determined that St. Pius X in Stickney and St. Leonard in Berwyn combine as one parish with two churches. There will be regular masses at St. Pius X as before and the church will not close. The combining of the two churches will take place on July 1, 2022 and St. Leonard's will be the Church of record. Both churches will receive a new parish name at this time. There will be one pastor for both churches. If you are a parishioner of St. Pius X or St. Leonard, please continue to attend your church and support them. Any changes to what will happen at both churches will be up to the pastor after July 1st and can be found on each website and bulletins.

We are still in the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic and it has been hard on everyone. Things are starting to ease a bit and the Governor will be backing off on some of the State mandates, but please don't let these changes drop your guard on the disease. Please remember to wash your hands, cover your nose and mouth and respect everyone around you with social distancing so we can hopefully beat this awful disease and get back to normal. Stay safe and healthy.

Have a wonderful Spring Season!



From the Desk of Trustee, **MITCH MILENKOVIC**

Trees and your Environment

Trees contribute to the environment by **providing oxygen**, improving air quality, climate amelioration, conserving water, preserving soil, and supporting wildlife. **Trees** are sometimes called the lungs of the Earth because they absorb pollutants through their leaves, trapping and filtering contaminants.

Trees also make good neighbors, they beautify your property, provide shade, purify the air, and increase the value of your home.

The Village of Stickney takes pride in our community of trees. We have a Tree Board that meets twice a year, we have a tree lottery which provides trees to residents at no cost, we celebrate Arbor Day every year with our school children, and we are and have been a Tree City USA member since 2010.

Tree Board

The purpose of the Tree Board is to advise and provide information to the Mayor and Village Board on matters relating to urban forestry and to help the village meet the requirements of the Tree City USA program.

Mission Statement

This committee is dedicated to the preservation of the existing trees throughout our community and the repopulation of trees that have been removed or can no longer survive. We feel this need is great to preserve the integrity of our community.



Arbor Day

Arbor Day was founded in 1872 by J. Sterling Morton in Nebraska City, Nebraska. By the 1920's each state in the United States had passed public laws that stipulated a certain day to be Arbor Day or Arbor and Bird Day observance.

National Arbor Day is celebrated every year on the last Friday in April; it is a civic holiday in Nebraska. Other states have selected the time of year in which to celebrate their own Arbor Day. The customary observance is to plant a tree. On the first Arbor Day, April 10, 1872, an estimated one million trees were planted.

Tree City USA

Tree City USA is a nationwide movement that provides the framework necessary for communities to manage and expand their public tree. The benefits of the Tree City USA program are providing direction, assistance, and national recognition for our community. It's the framework for a healthy, sustainable urban forestry program in our town.



Urban trees and forests save an average of 1 life every year per city. In New York City, trees save an average of 8 lives every year.

Tree Facts By:  **Arbor Day Foundation®**



From the Desk of Trustee,
LEA TORRES

As we start to recover from this pandemic, we are moving forward with planning events for the year and hopeful of being able to have them. We have great workers and volunteers, and we could not have all our events without them. We are excited about all the new things coming up.

We are planning our Easter Egg Hunts. The first being our TWEEN Easter Egg Hunt Friday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. for kids 10-14 Years old (residents only) sign up required. Our Regular Easter Egg Hunt, Infants to 9 years of age, Saturday April 9th at Noon (residents only) sign up required. Both events will be held at Haley Park.

Our next big event will be our Cinco De Mayo Fest on Sunday, May 1st from 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at 43rd and Ridgeland Avenue. This event will be **OPEN TO ALL**. There will be food and drinks for sale and free attractions for the kids. Further info will be out as the day gets closer. See our newsletter for upcoming events and times. We will have the FUZE BAND and a Sax Player. There will be a lot of fun things to do. I am excited!

Our village runs so smoothly because of the hard-working departments we have. Our Administrative Assistant (we couldn't do it without her), The front office, (the girls are amazing!), the Police Department, the Fire Department and Public Works (those streets don't clean themselves!) Our Inspectors are top notch! Our employee dedication makes Stickney a great place to live. You will see the Mayor out at all times helping with things that have to be done. Our Trustees are always a phone call away and we aim to help with as many problems as we can. We are dedicated, hardworking and know when to use discretion. We are planning a lot of events our big event being Stickney Family Day.



Date: June 1st

Band Name: Vinage Vinyl • Type of Music: Frank Sinatra

Date: June 8th

Band Name: Stingrays • Type of Music: 50's & 60's

Date: June 15th

Band Name: Vinyl Destination • Type of Music: Classic Rock

Date: June 22nd

Band Name: Eddie Korosa • Type of Music: Polka

Date: June 29th

Band Name: Nick Pontarelli • Type of Music: Frank Sinatra

Date: July 6th

Band Name: Parkside • Type of Music: Motown

Date: July 13th

Band Name: The Lupo Band • Type of Music: Classic Rock

Date: July 20th

Band Name: Hardwire • Type of Music: Rock N Roll

Date: July 27th

Band Name: Croozin the Loop • Type of Music: Hits from the 60's, 70's & 80's



**WEDNESDAY EVENINGS
FROM**

7:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

41st and Ridgeland • Stickney, IL 60402



From the Desk of Police Chief, **JAMES SASSETTI**

With spring coming soon, here are some helpful reminders. In December 2021 the Village Board passed an ordinance authorizing the police department to ticket and tow vehicles parked in violation of the street sweeping/snow routes (Ord. AMENDMENT OF CHAPTER 14, SECTION 14-141, SECTION 14-147, Section 14-148 AND SECTION 14-163 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE, VILLAGE OF STICKNEY, ILLINOIS.) Street sweeping begins April 1st, please ensure that you are following the respective street sweeping signs on your block so Public Works has unimpeded access to



clean the streets.

Additionally, we have launched the Tip411 application. The Stickney Police Department is increasing its crime-fighting arsenal with a new app to help residents connect with the department to find information, view alerts, and submit anonymous tips from their smartphone. The **Stickney PD app** and tip411 anonymous text a tip system is 100% **FREE** and **ANONYMOUS**, as the technology removes all identifying information before police see the tips and there is no way to identify the sender. Developed by tip411, the Stickney PD app puts a powerful new crime-fighting tool into the hands of community members of all ages. The **Stickney PD app** is available for download for free via the Google Play Store, iTunes App Store or on our website at www.villageofstickney.com/police.


The Stickney Police Department shares critical emergency information and important Village updates via Code Red. Code Red is a totally **FREE** service designed for public agencies to share information with subscribers. It is provided to all residents and businesses within the Village. Individuals can register by visiting: www.villageofstickney.com and click on the Code Red icon at the bottom left of the page. There you can choose how messages are to be communicated - via phone calls, emails and/or text messages. In addition, subscribers can specify multiple locations, such as a home address and a business address. All messages that pertain to the areas given will be sent to the subscriber. The Code Red site is secure – subscribers will only receive messages from the Village of Stickney.

On May 11th, 2022, from 9:00am to 12:00pm the Stickney Police Department, in collaboration with the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department, will be accepting prescriptions intended for destruction at the Stickney Police Station (6533 Pershing Rd.). Please drop off any unwanted prescriptions and the Cook County Sheriff's Police Department will dispose of them properly.

We hope you have an enjoyable spring and summer and remind you to follow the Stickney Police Department on Facebook. As always, please call **911** in all emergency situations or contact us at 708-788-2131 if we can assist in non-emergency situations.

**HELP FIGHT CRIME.**

Send anonymous tips to the Stickney Police Department.
Text keyword STICKNEY to 847411, add a space, type in your tip information, and hit send.




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app

for
iPhone
or
Android

tip 411



A service of
Stickney Police Department



From the Desk of Director of Public Works,
JOE LOPEZ

Street Cleaning

Street Cleaning will resume the first Monday & Tuesday of April and will run thru December and will continue throughout the year weather permitting. Parking restrictions will be in effect during this time on Mondays and Tuesdays from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00p.m. and are as follows:



No parking Monday: North and West side

No parking Tuesday: South and East side

The alleys will be swept once a month May – December.

Yard Waste Pick-up will resume the first week of April. Please follow the guidelines that can be found on our website at www.villageofstickney.com.

FREE DOCUMENT SHREDDING and SMALL ELECTRONIC RECYCLING – RESIDENTS ONLY

Saturday, August 22, 2020 - 9:00 a.m. – Noon – 41st and Ridgeland - Rain or Shine

Waste Management will be observing the following holidays:

Memorial Day, Fourth of July, and Labor Day

*When your collection falls on or after one of these holidays
your garbage/recycling/yard waste collection
will be delayed one day during the holiday week.*



**Village Hall and Public Works will be closed for business on
Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Labor Day**

Maintaining your Sewer Line

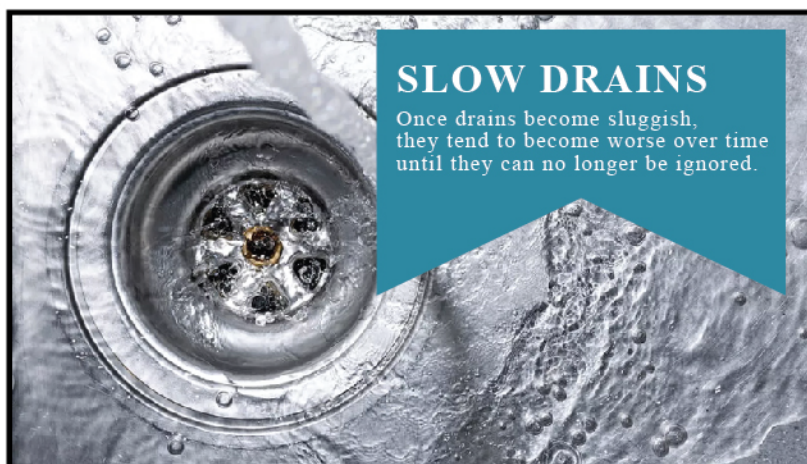
You should make sure sewer line is cleaned out **at least every two years** especially if you have a large home and family which will create a large amount of sewage waste.

How to Prevent Main Drain Clogs

1. Be on the Lookout for Warning Signs
2. Get Your Main Drain Checked Out
3. Make Use of a Mesh Lint Traps.
4. Let Bacteria Work for you
5. Avoid Flushing Solids down the Sinks
6. Flush Your Drains Occasionally
7. Don't Pour Grease down the Drain

How to Tell If Your Sewer Line is Clogged

1. Gurgling sounds coming from the toilet
2. Multiple slow-running drains in your home (low water pressure)
3. Water coming out of your shower when using the washing machine
4. Foul odors coming from your drains
5. Sewage coming back up through drains





From the Desk of Fire Chief, JEFFREY BOYAJIAN

We are excited as we are expecting delivery in mid-to-late April of a new Ambulance at the Department. It will be equipped with the latest technology and safety features available on the market today. It will be replacing our current back-up ambulance which is 15 years old.

As the spring and summer seasons approach so do the opportunities to enjoy the outdoors more. I have added some tips for fire pit season as well.

Dryer safety continues to be of concern to fire departments across the United States as we are seeing an increase in fires related to dryers. I have included some tips to keep your chances of a dryer fire to a minimum.

Clothes Dryer Safety

Did you know?

You are at higher risk of having a clothes dryer fire if you don't clean your lint filter and dryer vents. Follow these simple safety tips to prevent a clothes dryer fire in your home.

- Have your dryer installed and serviced by a professional.
- Do not use the dryer without a lint filter.
- Clean the lint filter before and after each cycle.
- Do not forget to clean the back of the dryer where lint can build up.
- Check the venting system behind the dryer to make sure that it is not damaged, crushed, or restricted.
- Make sure that the outdoor vent covering opens when the dryer is operating.
- Dryers also work on the surrounding air in the room, so it's critical to keep the area around your dryer free of dust and debris



Fire Pits

In recent years, there has been a new concern for the fire service - fire pits. Fire pits are known to be a great source of warmth and ambience. But with the popularity of fire pits increasing, fire safety has become even more important. There are many things you should consider while setting up and using a fire pit.

- Keep away from flammable material and fluids such as gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid or vehicles while in use.
- Do not use flammable fluids such as gasoline, alcohol, diesel fuel, kerosene, and charcoal lighter fluid to light or relight fires.
- Exercise the same precautions you would with an open fire.
- **Do not allow children to use the fire pit.** Keep children and pets away.
- Do not wear flammable or loose-fitting clothing such as nylon.
- Do not burn trash, leaves, paper, cardboard, or plywood. Avoid using soft wood such as pine or cedar that likely pop and throw sparks. Use of seasoned hardwood is suggested.
- Before starting the fire, make sure that the lid will still close to extinguish the fire in case of emergency. Do not overload.
- Before you light the fire, check the wind direction.
- Keep a fire extinguisher or garden hose nearby.



2022-2023 Vehicle Stickers and Pet Tags on sale May 2nd

Vehicle stickers will go on sale starting Monday, May 2nd – June 30th, 2022.

Vehicle stickers must be displayed by July 1st. Late fees are an additional \$20.00 per vehicle.

You will need to provide a vehicle registration if you are adding a new car.

Your pet must have a **current rabies vaccine number and expiration date** to obtain a pet license. Late fees are an additional \$5.00 per pet.

The Village will have additional hours on Saturday, June 25th from 9:00am – 3:00pm.



When seconds count, you can count on

CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents and businesses within Stickney that will notify you on emergency information through phone calls, text messages and emails. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety. As a local resident or business the Village of Stickney encourages you to take action and register your phone(s) and email accounts for this service and verify your home or business location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business.



- Parking Restriction Reminders
- Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Evacuation Notices
- Event Notices
- Public Health Crisis
- Criminal Activity



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ENROLL TODAY!

Visit www.villageofstickney.com and click the CodeRED icon at the bottom left of the page

Spring/Summer 2022

Community Calendar



April

April 8 – Tween twilight Easter Egg Hunt (10-14 yrs. old), 7:00pm at Haley Park

April 9 – Easter Egg Hunt (infant to 9 yrs. old) at 12:00pm at Haley Park

May

May 1 – Cinco De Mayo Fest 2:00-7:00pm at 43rd and Ridgeland

May 14 – Little League and Soccer Parade at 12:00pm

May 30 – Memorial Day Ceremony, 11:00am at Veteran's Memorial Park at 39th and Ridgeland

June

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 - Music in the Park, 7:00-9:00pm at 41st and Ridgeland

July

July 6, 13, 20, 27 - Music in the Park, 7:00-9:00pm at 41st and Ridgeland

July 30, 31 – Village Wide Garage Sale, 9:00am-2:00pm

August

August 20 – Paper Shredding (***residents only***) 9:00am–Noon at 41st & Ridgeland

September

September 4 –Stickney Family Day, 2:00-9:00pm at 43rd and Ridgeland, Fireworks to follow

September 17 – Pet Fest, 1:00-3:00pm at 41st and Ridgeland

October

October 15 – Halloween Haunted Hayride and Pumpkin Patch 6:00-9:00pm at 43rd and Ridgeland

November

November 11 – Veteran's Day Ceremony, 11:00am at Veteran's Memorial Park, 39th and Ridgeland

December

December 10 – Senior Christmas party 11:00am-1:00pm (***residents only***)

Family Christmas party 2:00-4:00pm (***residents only***)

both parties will be at Stickney Township North Clinic, 40th and Euclid



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Cinco
de Mayo
Fest

SAVE THE DATE!

Sunday, May 1st, 2022

from 2p.m. - 7 p.m.

Music By

Polo Sax

2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

FUZE Latin Flavor

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Food and Drinks will be available for sale
Admission is FREE!