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From the Desk of

### **MAYOR JEFF WALIK**

Here we are with another year behind us and Spring is in the air!

The Village Trustees and I are happy with the accomplishments

of this past year, 2018. Our new LED sign in front of the Village Hall is a welcoming addition to the fresh new look of our Police Department and Village Administration building. Our Public Works department worked hard all summer and fall on our parks cleaning them up, trimming trees and shrubs back for the safety of all residents and better visibility for our great law enforcement team.

I would like to thank our Police and Public Works departments

for their hard work in getting cars moved from the residential areas to keep our streets clear of ice and snow.

That's enough of the snow talk.

We have a lot of new programs and projects coming up this year, starting with an updated fuel station on Cicero Ave. and hopes of new businesses to fill the empty store fronts along Pershing Rd.

(For the new programs see Trustee Kapolnek's article in this newsletter.)

As I stated in our holiday flyer, we do listen to all of our residents. If we don't know about a broken sidewalk, missing parking signs or traffic violators, please let us know. We can't correct a matter if we don't know about it. Finally, I would like to thank ALL our volunteers that assisted with the great and successful Village programs throughout the year of 2018.

As always, this current Administration is working for YOU.

Best regards,

Mayor Jeff Walik



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This past winter proved to be a challenging one, with the snow, extreme temperatures and ice storms. As your Mayor, I want to make sure that you are notified of information regarding criminal activity you should be aware of, parking restrictions for snow removal, a delay in your garbage pick-up, Village of Stickney event notices such as Christmas parties, Easter Egg hunt and so much more! One way of being notified is to sign up for CODE RED. This is a FREE service to our residents.

## 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 of 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

## **ENROLL TODAY!**

Visit www.villageofstickney.com and click the CodeRED icon at the top right of the page





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## From the Desk of Village Clerk **AUDREY MCADAMS**

The Decennial (happening every ten years) Census is approaching in 2020. The Office of the Clerk is responsible for the Census. The purpose is to conduct a census of population and housing and disseminate results to

the President, the States and the American People. The uses of Census data are:

- Apportioning representation among states as mandated by Article 1, Section 2 of the US Constitution
- Drawing congressional and state legislative districts, school districts and voting precincts
- Enforcing voting rights and civil rights legislation
- · Distributing federal dollars
- Informing planning decisions of tribal, federal, state and local government and organizational decisions (e.g., where to locate, size of market, etc.) of businesses and non-profits

As the clerk, during last August it was my job to complete the Local Update of Census Addresses Operation (LUCA). This provides the Census people of new construction addresses that have been added in Stickney since the previous census. This will inform the Census workers to look for those addresses when they are working with Stickney. Every month the clerk fills out a Building Permits Survey for the Census. This provides them information on new houses that are being built in Stickney.

In the 2010 Census, Stickney was found to have 6786 residents. This was a 10.4% increase from 2000. Our population number is used for a basis of distribution of funds to the Village of Stickney from the State's Income Tax Collections distributed to municipalities. The Local Use Tax is also based on population of the additional revenue from state use tax receipts collected on personal property from out of state retailers. Therefore, it is very important for an accurate count.

The Census also has an American Community Survey that reaches out to the public on a regular basis. It is a source of detailed social and economic characteristics of local communities on topics such as employment, education, language spoken at home, and housing costs. Many people don't realize that most of the questions on the ACS have been asked for decades as part of the decennial census, but were moved to the ACS in an effort to meet the demand for more current nationally consistent data. American Counts tells the stories behind the numbers. It features stories on various topics such as families, housing, employment, business, education, the economy, emergency preparedness, and population. As an example, they know the count of people who have moved to other areas of the state or country over a period of time. Google, (American Community Survey), and read the numerous stories behind the numbers.

#### **MEMORIAL DAY RECOGNITION**

The annual Memorial Day recognition program will be observed on Monday, May 27, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. The event will take place at the Veteran's Memorial Monument site located at 39th and Ridgeland RAIN OR SHINE. Watch for additional information as we approach the actual date.

#### ELECTIONS-PLEASE VOTE: Take responsibility for the taxes these tax bodies control on your tax bills.

The clerk's office oversees elections. The Consolidated Election will take place on April 2, 2019. Early voting will take place at the Stickney-Forest View Library, 6800 W. 43rd. You will be

voting for the following: your local municipal Trustees; Lyons School District 103 School Board members; Stickney-Forest View Library Board members; Morton High School Dist. 201 members; Morton Community College Dist. 527 members; Lyons Township Trustees of Schools, Township 38N, Range 12E; Stickney Township Trustees of Schools, Township 38N, Range 13E 2-year term; and Stickney Township Trustees of Schools, Township Trustees of Schools, Township 38N, Range 13E 6-year term.









From the Desk of Trustee

JEFF WHITE

#### Finance and Revenue:

I hope you all survived this rough winter that we just went through. Spring is around the corner and better days are ahead.

The best news that I can pass on to you in this Newsletter is that there will be no raise in your Property Taxes by the Village this year. The board working



on the tax levy for the year 2019 unanimously voted for **NO** increase. We all recently received our first half-year property tax bill for 2018. These bills are always 55 percent of the previous year's taxes for the first installment. The second half-year bill that comes later always will reflect any increases. Just know if your tax bill went up in any way, that it does not come from the Village of Stickney.

The Village Administration is always looking for ways to keep some of the burden off of tax payers. Recently the Village Trustees voted to replace our old and outdated phone system with Comcast Business Voice Edge. This will be a \$27,000 savings a year.

In September of 2016 the Board approved a Municipal Gas Tax of 4 cents per gallon on the fuel that is purchased in Stickney. I am happy to report that from September of 2016 through December of 2018 the Village has collected \$408,073 in revenue. In 2018 the we received \$96,181 in video gaming revenue.

Our police department has generated approximately \$39,000 in boot collections from May 2017 to December 2018. Also, recently we refinanced two open bond issues that the Village has from 2008 and 2011. Because of lower interest rates and our outstanding credit, we were able to refinance at a lower rate with the same maturity date. This will result in a savings of \$344.000 over the life of the bonds.

As some of the communities around us struggle, we maintain an excellent credit rating with a Standard and Poor's rating of A+.

We will continue to look for ways to generate revenue to be able to make improvements to the community without burdening the tax payer.

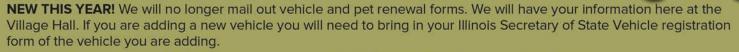
We are currently working on the Budget for fiscal year 2019-2020 by meeting with department heads and the treasurer to come up with a balanced budget. Once it is put together, it goes before the Board for approval.

If you are on social media's Facebook, please take a look at the Village's page, Village of Stickney. We try to post information that will benefit our residents such as any meetings, power outages, community events etc. If you "like" the page, you will get a notification whenever we post to it. Please, if you are not signed up for Code Red please do so. A link to Code Red is on the lower left side of the Village of Stickney web site home page, villageofstickney.com.

Great weather just around the corner, I'm really looking forward to it! Enjoy!

## Vehicle Stickers and Pet Tags on sale May I

Vehicle stickers will go on sale starting May 1st – June 29th, 2019.



**Application Fees:** Senior Citizens (65 and over) - No charge

Handicap/All Veterans - No Charge

Passenger Car - \$20

Trucks – fee will vary depending on the license plate

\*Veteran status can now be put on your driver's license through the Secretary of State.

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

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

The Village will have additional hours on Friday, June 28th until 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 29th from 8:00 a.m. to noon.





From the Desk of Trustee

SAM SAVOPOULOS

#### New Pavilions at Veteran's Memorial Park

Coming this spring will be two newly erected Pavilions at Veteran's Memorial Park, located at Pershing Road and Ridgeland Avenue.

Two times a year, Veterans Day and Memorial Day, we honor our veterans with a ceremony thanking them for their service. The possibility of less than ideal weather

for celebrations and gatherings is a key reason why we want to build these

pavilions. They will provide

shelter to those that are gathering for the ceremonies.

The estimated cost of both pavilions is approximately \$60,000. This is all made possible by donations from local businesses and contractors donating their services and materials or offering them at a discounted cost.

Coming in Early 2019
STICKNEY VETERAN'S PAVILION

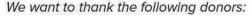
In Honor of All Our Veterans

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE BY

KOPPER!

We hope to be breaking ground in early April, weather permitting of course, and have this project completed in May in time for the Memorial Day Program on May 27th.





- Metropolitan Water Reclamation District, donating the land
- Koppers Inc, donating the cost for the design and providing the carpentry work along with building materials
- · Ozinga Concrete, donating the concrete
- Andreas Concrete, donating the finishing work for the concrete
- Stickney-Forest View Lions Club
- · American Legion, Post 687

We are still accepting donations. If you would like to donate to this great project, you can do so by mailing or dropping off a payment at the Village Hall. Checks can be written out to Village of Stickney Veteran's Memorial Pavilion.

Any donations of \$500 or more will be recognized on a benefactor memorial stone that will be on display at the site. All other donations will be recognized on a plaque also at the site.







## Annual 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

Applications for the 50/50 sidewalk program will be taken through July 31st. Funding for the program is limited and will be available to residents on a first come first serve basis. Residents will only be allowed to replace no more than 5 sidewalk squares at a time per year. Applications are available at the Village hall or the Village website www.villageofstickney.com.



From the Desk of Trustee

MARY HREJSA

**Spring is just around the corner.** Winter will soon be a memory of the past. A very big thank you goes out to our Public Works Department for keeping our streets clear.

The Easter Bunny is coming to Stickney on Saturday, April 13, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. to oversee the annual Easter Egg Hunt. It will be held at Haley Park located at 40th and Grove Avenue. Register

your children at the Village Hall. Mount Auburn Cemetery will be conducting their Easter Egg Hunt the same day at 10:30 a.m. On Friday, April 12th there will be a pre-teen

Easter Egg hunt at 7:30 p.m. at Haley Park.

Keeping the warm weather in mind, Music in the Park starts on Wednesday, June 5th from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The schedule is included elsewhere in this newsletter.

A reminder to all: Waste Management is now handling our garbage, yard waste and recycling. Residents can purchase a recycling container at the Stickney Village Hall for \$25.00. Please remember that plastic bags should not be recycled. Therefore, don't bag your recycling in a plastic bag it is a non-acceptable material.

Hope to see you at our upcoming events.





From the Desk of Trustee
TIM KAPOLNEK

I hope everyone got through winter with the terrible cold we experienced at the end of January! Spring and Summer are just around the corner with fun things to look forward to.

We are pleased to announce the **Village of Stickney's Senior Care Program**, a new program providing free lawn mowing, leaf clean up and snow removal to assist our seniors who are disabled or with severe health issues for whom these tasks have become or are too

difficult to do on their own.

#### Village of Stickney Lawn Mowing and Snow Shoveling Program

The lawn mowing/leaf removal program begins around May 1st and will conclude at the end of October. This service will cover the parkway and the front and back lawns, and will be cut approximately every 10 days.

In the fall, leaf removal consists of running the lawn mower over the front and back lawns to pick up the leaves.

Snow shoveling would begin on November 1st and conclude on April 15th. When the snow fall is 2" or more, snow will be shoveled from the front walk, and the walk to the front door. Snow will also be shoveled from the back door to the alley where applicable. Snow shoveling will begin after the end of the snowfall. Cleanups will be random and not on a set schedule.

You qualify if you are a homeowner 70 years of age and above, disabled, have severe health problems with no able-bodied person under 70 years of age living in the residence that can perform these duties. This program is for single family homes only.

Homeowners must complete an application for each service and be approved before being eligible for this program. This service will have limited spaces and is available on a first come first serve basis.

Applications will be available at the Village Hall.

For further information, please contact our senior service representative—Linda at 708-749-4400 Ext. 526. Lawn mowing does not include edging, weeding, bush trimming, tree trimming or fertilizer.







# From the Desk of Trustee MITCH MILENKOVIC

#### MIDWAY NOISE COMPATIBILITY COMMISSION

In 1990, Congress passed the Airport Noise and Capacity Act (ANCA) to create a more comprehensive method for regulating aircraft noise. ANCA tasked the FAA with establishing a national noise policy, as well as substituted advances in "quiet engine" technology for restrictions on airport operations. These aircraft noise standards are codified in FAA Part 36 regulations, "Noise Standards: Aircraft Type and Airworthiness Certification." Aircraft must meet Part 36 standards to receive "type" or "airworthiness" certificates to operate in the United States. There are five stages

of noise standards for aircraft: Stage 1, Stage 2, Stage 3 or 4, and Stage 5. Currently, all aircraft operating at Midway and within the United States are Stage 3 or 4. These aircraft, such as the Airbus A320 and new Boeing 737's (B737) use a quieter type of engine that significantly reduces noise at the source. Also, a Stage 3 aircraft can be a previous Stage 2 aircraft with the

engines retrofitted with a "hush-kit." More tan 99% of the operations at Midway are originally certified as Stage 3 aircraft. Stage 5 noise standards will apply to new aircraft designed, manufactured and certificated after December 31, 2017.

Installed in 1996, the Airport Noise Management System (ANMS) enables the City of Chicago to monitor the amount of noise being generated over the communities surrounding Chicago Midway International Airport (Midway) by the aircraft operating at the airport. The ANMS collects, analyzes and processes data from several sources of information including a network of 13 noise monitors around Midway, Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) radar data, weather data, and noise complaints. Over 150,000 flights and 400,000 noise events are recorded by the ANMS each month for the Chicago Department of Aviation (CDA). The City of Chicago and the Midway



Noise Compatibility Commission (MNCC) utilize data from the ANMS to facilitate the development and management of noise abatement programs at the Airport. The following reports summarize pertinent quarterly information from that data concerning the noise levels and operations at the Airport.

#### Wind Summary

Wind is a key factor influencing runway use and operation. Aircraft performance requirements make it necessary for aircraft to take off and land into the wind for safety purposes. Ideally, aircraft should take off and land into the wind as the increased airflow over the wings provides improved lift.

#### Runway use Report

Midway has five runways that are utilized at different times depending primarily upon the prevailing wind conditions on the airfield, as well as any runway maintenance.

#### 4th quarter 2018 totals

Average Operations	Average Operations
Per Day	Per Night
(All Hours)	(10p.m7a.m.)
Total: 650	Total: 71

#### 4th quarter 2017 totals

Average Operations	Average Operations
Per Day	Per Night
Total: 663	Total: 84

#### **Quarterly Noise Levels in decibels**

1Q 2018	2Q 2018	3Q 2018	4Q 2018	4Q 2017	12 month Avg.
52.9	54.9	53.4	50.6	54.4	53.2

Our permanent noise monitor location is located at 4308 Wenonah Avenue, Stickney. The commission intervenes if noise decibel level exceeds 65 decibels in homes, 60 decibels in schools.





# From the Desk of Trustee LEA TORRES

We will be having many upcoming events this spring. We hope to have the pre-teen Easter Egg hunt on Friday, April 12th and the regular Easter Egg hunt for kids on Saturday, April 13th. The Parks and Recreation committee are in the process of organizing these events.

We're bringing back the Village Wide Garage Sale since it was such a success last year. It is scheduled for Saturday, July 27th and Sunday July 28th from 9:00a.m. to 2:00p.m. Permits will not be necessary, and you can sign up at the Village hall to have your name put on a list for distribution to shoppers.

I am working very hard on having a Farmers Market here in Stickney but still have not been able to connect with anyone. I will continue to work on this and keep you posted on the outcome.

I know we are working on another Casino Boat trip. It was such a fun event and a good time to come out and meet people.

We are continually reviewing and updating old ordinances. Recently a change was made to our overnight visitor parking. Previously if you had a guest staying overnight, you would contact the police department to let them know. In place of that we now have visitor parking passes. Each address is allowed two passes. These are to be used only on a temporary basis for your guest. Passes are available at the Village Hall.

We do have permanent commercial vehicle parking spaces available to purchase for \$60 a year at our municipal lot located at 6715-6717 Pershing Rd. These can be purchased at the Village Hall.

You will also see a change in the vehicle sticker renewal process this year. (see additional information on page 4 of the newsletter)

Please check on the elderly in your area. A good suggestion is to tell your neighbors when they wake up, to raise their window shades or open their blinds, this way you know they are ok. This is a simple way of checking on them without bothering them.

If you need to register to vote, just sign up in the Village Hall.

REGISTER

Thank you to all our VOLUNTEERS who have helped with Village events this past year. The schools and churches are also looking for volunteers. It is a great feeling to help those who need it.

I want to thank our Police
Department, Public Works and Fire
Department for their hard work over
the very cold and snowy winter. The
Police Department did a great job getting

our streets cleared of vehicles and Public Works did a great job cleaning the streets of snow and ice. I love working with such an amazing group of people.

## From the Desk of Police Chief

### **DANIEL BABICH**

The Stickney Police Department, with the support of Mayor Jeff Walik and all our Village Trustees, is pleased to report that we have now become fully staffed with the hiring of five new police officers, bringing our total number of officers to 17; not counting the Chief of Police and Deputy Chief of Police. The five additional police officers will allow the members of the police department to take on new types of specialized training to protect our residents, schools, and local businesses.

The Stickney Police Department has made steps to be proactive in our responses to emergency situations. The Stickney Village Board has allowed us to purchase a specialized bullet proof shield, heavy duty bullet proof vests and helmets to protect officers having to enter into any type of emergency situation when that entry must be rapid and precise.

Also, we purchased simulation handguns for real



life training scenarios that shoot a soft projectile to be used in training exercises for practicing building searches and vehicle stops. These types of tools help officers train to the best of their abilities, and be prepared for the unknown. I am always honest and straight forward with my officers. In this job you never know when your time is up. The offender has a three second advantage on the police officer because he or she already knows what they're going to do! There is no rehearsal when it comes to dying, but it is what we all signed up for by taking an oath to serve and protect. Hopefully by going through continual training we can sometimes turn things in our favor.

As the Chief of Police I am very proud to be a member of this police department that has caught three bank robbers in the last eighteen months while most police departments fail to locate one. Our personal involvement with our schools, businesses, seniors, and residents is nothing short of amazing.



### **ARTURO TERRAZAS**

#### SPRING CLEANING:

Spring is here, it's time to take down the holiday decorations! Spring ordinance inspections for upkeep and maintenance of your property have begun. This includes maintaining your lawn, keeping weeds and overgrown vegetation cut in your front and back yard and also behind and around your garage. Accumulation of junk, debris or litter on private or public property is not allowed. If you're storing wood, please keep it off the ground a minimum of 18" to prevent rodent problems.



#### **EXCESS GARBAGE AND RECYCLING:**

Overflowing garbage will result in a fine. DO NOT PUT EXCESS GARBAGE BAGS ON THE GROUND.

Excess garbage should be placed in a solid rigid container with handles that do not exceed 32-gallons in size and 50 lbs. in weight.

Place your garbage, recycling or yard waste containers out no later than 6:00 a.m. on your scheduled pick-up day. Remove your containers no later than 7:00 p.m. on the day of your pick up. It's a nuisance to leave any refuse containers out for days to be picked up. Tickets will be issued to anyone who does.

#### ATTENTION:

If you live in town and own a landscape business, be advised that you are not allowed to put out landscape yard waste for the village to pick up. We are paying close attention and if you are doing this, a citation and maximum \$500 fine will be issued along with a court date.

#### CONSTRUCTION PERMITS AND REMOVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS:

If you are planning on remodeling the interior or exterior of your home or business make sure you apply for proper permits. Construction material or waste should be disposed of properly and should NOT be put out for the Village to take. It is the responsibility of the contractor or homeowner to have any construction materials removed. Any construction materials that are put out for Public Works to pick up will result in a ticket and fine. Any properties under construction of any kind are responsible for keeping the area completely clean of garbage and debris at all times. Failure to do so will be issued a ticket and daily fines along with an adjudication court date.

#### GARAGE, YARD, ESTATE SALES

You will be allowed to put signs on public property, however they must be removed immediately after your sale or a citation will be given. Signs are NOT allowed on stop signs, light poles or street lights.

Failure to remove signs from public or private property shall constitute a violation and violators shall be subject to a \$50.00 minimum fine. You must be the homeowner to have a sale and only ONE permit is allowed per year.





#### GRAFFITI

Graffiti should be reported to the Police Dept. as soon as possible, however homeowners, business owners, management of companies and properties are responsible for removing the graffiti. Graffiti should be removed within fifteen (15) days from the date it occurred.

No parking on soft surfaces is allowed, in your yard, on the grass or dirt on public or private property.

ALL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A FINE UP TO \$500.



### JEFFREY BOYAJIAN

As the cold hard winter comes to an end, spring is right around the corner. I would like everyone to take some time out to review the following fire safety practices. If you should have any questions or concerns, please contact the fire department and we will assist you in any way we can.

#### **SMOKE ALARMS:**

Test smoke alarms at least once a month using the test button. Make sure everyone in the home understands the sound of the smoke alarm and knows how to respond. Follow manufacturer's instructions for cleaning to keep smoke alarms working properly. The instructions are included in the package or can be found on the internet.

#### **CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS:**

Test carbon monoxide (CO) alarms at least once a month using the test button. Replace them if they fail to respond when tested. The sensors in CO alarms have a limited life. Replace the CO alarm according to manufacturer's instructions or when the end-of-life signal sounds. Never ignore a CO alarm when it sounds. Get outside immediately, and call 911 from a fresh-air location. The fire department and/or NICOR will provide information for a safe home re-entry.

#### **ESCAPE PLANNING:**

Make a home escape plan. Draw a map of each level of the home. Show all doors and windows. Discuss the plan with everyone in your household, including visitors. Go to each room and point out the two ways out. Practice the plan with everyone in your household, including visitors. Post the plan in your home, on your refrigerator or another obvious location.

#### **CLOTHES DRYER SAFETY:**

Please keep dryer vents and lint traps clean. The leading cause of clothes dryer-related fires is a failure to keep the lint traps clean. Scooping out the debris of the lint basket takes all of about 12 seconds, so be sure to clear it out every time you throw a load in. It is also recommended to clean out the vent pipe at least once a year, so add that to the spring cleaning list, also.

#### **HOME FIRE SAFETY:**

If your smoke alarm sounds or you discover a fire; try not to panic, alert everyone in the house. Use your pre-planned escape route and get everyone out of the building as quickly as possible. Remember that smoke rises, so stay low or crawl on the floor in the cleaner air where it is easier to breathe. Do not stop to collect valuables, possessions or look for pets. If possible, close the door to the room where the fire is located and close all doors behind you as you leave. This helps delay the spread of fire. Before opening a closed door, touch it with the back of your hand. Do not open the door if it feels warm; the fire will be on the other side. Find somewhere safe near the building and wait for the fire department to arrive. If someone is still inside, tell the fire department and give them details as to where they might be located. DO NOT GO BACK INTO the building as this increases the risk of injury.

From the Desk of
Public Works Director
JOE LOPEZ

#### **SEWER DRAINAGE**

If you are having any type of drainage or sewer problems, please contact the Public Works Department immediately. The Village is responsible for the main sewer line which runs from curb to the main sewer in the street. Residents are responsible for the main sewer line that goes from their home to the curb. If you are not sure where the problem is, our staff will come out and help with the determination.

Please do not put any foreign objects into your drainage system at home. For example, paper towel, diapers, wipes, sanitary products or rags. In addition, do not introduce paint, motor oil, antifreeze or hazardous chemicals into your drainage. These materials can be dangerous and can cause backup in the sanitary sewer system.

#### **ILLEGAL DUMPING IN STORM SEWERS**

It is illegal for any person to dump any gasoline, benzene, or other volatile liquids into any public sewer in the village or to permit any material which might injure any part of the sanitary sewer system to flow into it. Additionally, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to discharge or permit to be discharged sanitary or industrial waste or pollutants of any type (as defines in 35 Ill. Admin. Code 301.101 et seq.) in any public or private storm sewer.

#### STREET CLEANING

Street Cleaning will begin again on April 1st and will run thru early December. Parking restrictions will be in affect 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 (even address)

No parking Tuesday: South and East side (odd address)

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

WASTE MANAGEMENT OBSERVED HOLIDAYS Waste Management will be observing the following holidays:

Memorial Day, Fourth of July, 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.

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

## **JOSHUA BRNIAK**

#### **Mission Statement**

The Building Department's mission is to enforce the adopted codes regarding the construction and maintenance of buildings and structures in order to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Village of Stickney. To this end, the Building Department will strive for excellence in educating its employees to provide quality inspections and customer service.

The building department in the Village of Stickney is dedicated to serving the residents and business owners of the Village of Stickney. We understand that any construction or improvement projects can be a stressful process. Our department will provide you with as much information or help that is needed to guide you through that process. To serve you better our department has updated and made available many of the most requested printable forms and information packets regarding the permit process on the Village of Stickney website at villageofstickney.com, Building Department Forms.

Our department has increased its awareness and reviewed our processes to provide the quickest possible service to our residents and businesses. Time is of the essence in most construction projects and being informed and prepared when applying for your permit will benefit the accuracy and timeliness of the service we provide. If you are unsure if the work you are performing on your home requires a permit please feel free to stop in or call the village or email our department at **building@villageofstickney.com**.

Spring is here and so are home repairs.....As for most of you, your home is your greatest financial asset. Performing upgrades on your home in the form of a new roof, new kitchen, or addition can increase its value, but home improvements can also be needlessly expensive and frustrating if you pay for work that is not performed, work that does not meet the building codes in the village, or work that is of poor quality. For these reasons, it's important to take extra care when you hire someone to work on your home. You should always complete two basic steps before contracting for any home repair or home improvement project: 1) determine the scope of work to be done and 2) set specifications for the job. Before you start your project, make sure to define the scope of the work that you are going to undertake. To define the scope of work, write down exactly what you want done in your home, so that when you talk to a contractor, you will be able to focus on exactly what you need—and not be sold additional or unnecessary work. You should also write down the specifications for the job. The specifications should include such factors as the time frame in which you want the work done, the type of materials you want the contractor to use, how you intend to pay for the job, and the payment schedule for the contractor, subcontractors, and suppliers. Additional information and tips regarding home construction can be found by visiting illinoisattorneygeneral. gov/consumers/homerepair\_construction

I am always available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have regarding permitting, staff, or any other issues that you may have. Please feel free to call me at 708-749-4400 ext. 524 or you can email me at jbrniak@villageofstickney.com. I look forward to meeting you!

#### From the Desk of Blight Inspector

## **ED BARTUNEK**

Well it's spring ... maybe. The snow is gone, and blight has popped up like the first dandelions. It is time to walk around and inventory your property to look for degraded conditions. The first things to look for early in the season is peeling paint, failing gutters, broken windows, bad roofs, snowburied toys, wood, tools, things that didn't quite make it to your garbage can. Later when the weather really improves it will be the painting, fence mending, caulking around doors and windows, eliminating openings at the base of all garage doors that allow for rodent access. Repair or replace a little at a time so it won't become a major and expensive project. It's contagious, one

person does it and soon the entire block is fixing and cleaning up.

#### **VISIBLE ADDRESSES:**

There still are too many garages and homes with degraded or no visible addresses posted. Your house address must be 2.5 inches in height and must be visible from the center of the street. At the alley, if there is a garage, post it off to the



side of the overhead door. If there is no garage, shed, or only a fence, post it at the gate. No garage, shed or no fence, post it on the back of the house. The back address numerals must be at least 2.5 inches in height. The Village requires the posting of addresses so first responders can locate the house, garage, back yard in the event of an incident. The Village has been generous, not citing residents until today. To save money, taxpayer money, the Village will not mail out Property Maintenance Reports for address violations, instead we will be affixing a warning to the resident's front door with a 5-day notice to comply. Fair warning.

If you are hiring someone to do some of this work, make sure they are registered with the Village. A list of licensed businesses is available at the Village Hall. Also it would be to your advantage to check if the work will require a building permit. Know who you're hiring and never pay cash!

Tree maintenance: if you're doing more than just cleaning up, such as removing a tree from your personal property, please contact the Village. We like to know when trees are removed. Here too, if you're hiring someone, make sure they have permits and are licensed. Permits are available through the Village Hall. If there is a question about what you would like to do, contact the Village Hall.



## 2019

# Spring / Summer

March 26-28 – Football and Cheer Mini camps and registration - 7-9pm Morton West High School Auxiliary gym

March 28 - Edison School PTA fundraiser 3-7pm- McDonalds, Ogden Ave., Berwyn



**April 1–5 –** Spring Break soccer camp –ages 4-14 –10am – noon, Horne Field at Veteran's Memorial Park, 41st and Ridgeland Sponsored by Stickney Soccer Association

April 6 - Edison School PTA fundraiser - Flying High Drop off pizza party 7:30pm - 10:30pm

April 7 - Free flag football - Horne Field, 41st & Ridgeland, 9-11am

April 12 - Orange Adventure Kids Weekend 6:45pm-8:45pm - Faith Community Church

April 12 – Little League fundraiser, 3pm-7pm - McDonalds on Ogden Ave. in Berwyn

April 12 - Tween Easter Egg Hunt - ages 10-14 - 7:30pm at Haley Park

April 13 - Children's Easter Egg Hunt - ages newborn - 9 years at 9:30am, Haley Park

April 13 – Mount Auburn Cemetery Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:30am at Mt. Auburn

April 13 – Orange Adventure Kids Weekend 9:30am-1:30pm – Faith Community Church

April 15 - Senior bus trip to Four Winds Casino 9am -4pm, registration is required, space is limited

**April 17 –** Edison & Home School Kindergarten Roundup – 6-7pm

April 25 – Edison School – 1st and 2nd grade music performance – 6:30pm

April 27 - Stickney Soccer Summer League Begins Ages 4-14

April 27 - Little League spaghetti dinner 3pm-7pm - Forest View Community Room

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May 1 - Vehicle stickers and Pet tags go on sale - through June 29th

May 5 - Lion's Club pancake breakfast, 7:30am-12:30pm at Edison School - \$6 for adult, under 5 is free

May 7 - Edison School PTA fundraiser - City BBQ in Berwyn

May 11 – Little League Parade – starts at noon at Forest View Village Hall

May 17 - Bonfire & S'mores 7:00pm-8:30pm - Faith Community Church

May 27 - Memorial Day program, 11:00am, Veteran's Memorial Park



June 5, 12, 19, 25 - Music in the Park - 7-9pm Stickney Pavilion, 41st and Ridgeland

**June 10-14 –** Summer Soccer Camp – Ages 4-14, 10am – noon, Horne Field, Veteran's Memorial Park, 41st and Ridgeland - sponsored by Stickney Soccer Association

June 15 - Outdoor Movie Night 8:30pm - Faith Community Church

June 24 - Senior Picnic - 11:00am, Stickney Pavilion, 41st and Ridgeland

June 29 – Last day to purchase vehicle stickers and pet tags – Village hall will be open 8am- noon

# COMMUNITY CALENDAR



July 1 - Vehicle stickers must be displayed

**July 8–12 –** Summer Soccer Camp – Ages 4-14, Horne Field at Veteran's Memorial Park sponsored by Stickney Soccer Association

July 10, 17. 24, 31 - Music in the Park 7-9pm - Stickney Pavilion, 41st and Ridgeland

July 12 - Outdoor Movie Night 8:30p.m. - Faith Community Church

July 22 - July 26 - Vacation Bible School 9:00am - noon - Faith Community Church

July 27 and 28 - Village Wide Garage Sale - 9:00am - 2:00pm

#### **Faith Community Church**

All events are free and open to the community. In case of rain, outdoor events will be moved inside the church building.

For more information, call 484-4268.

## **Stickney Soccer Association**

All camps are located at Horne Field at Veteran's Memorial Park at 41st and Ridgeland. Any questions or interested in volunteering go to info@stickneysoccer.com or call Pierre 708-426-6681.

To register or for more information visit: www.stickneysoccer.com

## Stickney Youth Football

For questions and more information go to www.stickneywolfpack.com or call Cris Gutierrez at 708-526-1403.

## Stickney/Forest View Little League

For questions and more information email Little League at sfvlittleleague@gmail.com

## **Senior Programs**

Information on Senior programs and trips: call Linda at the Village Hall 708-749-4400 X526

## School Activities/Fundraisers

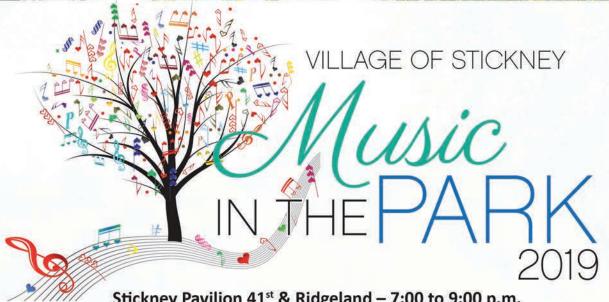
For any school activities/fundraisers, please call the school directly.

Home School – 783-4500 / Edison School – 783-4400

\*Dates and times on any of the scheduled events on this calendar are subject to change.







Stickney Pavilion 41st & Ridgeland - 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

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DATE	NAME OF BAND	TYPE OF MUSIC	ORGANIZATION COOKING	MENU (menu subject to change)
June 5	The Stingrays	50's, 60's, 70's Rock & Roll	Stickney/Forest View Little League	Hot dogs/chips/ Funnel cakes/drinks
June 12	Hardwire	Classic Rock N' Roll	American Legion, Post 687	Chicken Sandwiches
June 19	Eddie Korosa Jr.	Polka	Stickney/Forest View Lion's Club	Porkchop sandwiches/ nachos
June 26	The Movin on Band	Rhythm and Blues	Stickney/Forest View Lion's Club	Porkchop sandwiches/ nachos
July 10	Parkside	Motown	Stickney/Forest View Little League	Meatball sandwiches Nachos/funnel cakes/ drinks
July 17	Vinyl Destination	Classic Rock	Stickney Soccer Association	hot dogs/burgers chips/drinks
July 24	Jerry Armstrong	Motown, Disco	Stickney Police Association	Bratwurst/drinks
July 31	The DuPage Band	Motown 70's, 80's, 90's	Stickney Youth Football	hot dogs/hamburgers bratwurst
August 7	The Lupo Band	Classic Rock/Current Hits	Stickney Soccer Association	Tacos/nachos/drinks
August 14	Eddie Korosa Jr.	Polka	Mt. Auburn Cemetery	Burgers/chips/drinks
August 21	Blue Sky Blind	60's, 70's Rock & Roll	Stickney Police Association	Burgers/chips/drinks

Organizations will be selling food at a nominal charge. Please support their efforts & the sponsors of this event.

# Thank You

Ante Deb's Video/Slots Poker | Del Galdo Law Group, Inc. | NOBS Towing | Alexander's Restaurant Stickney Police Association | Stickney-Forest View Lions Club | Ed Bartunek | Crabby's Pub Novotny Engineering | Alfred G. Ronin, LTD | Bell Fuels, Inc. | Greg Hannah Plumbing and Sewer Village of Stickney

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## **VILLAGE HOLIDAYS**

Village Hall and Public Works
will be closed for business on:
Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 27th
Fourth of July ~ Thursday, July 4th
Labor Day ~ Monday, September 2nd

## **WASTE MANAGEMENT OBSERVED HOLIDAYS**

Your garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day during the week of the scheduled holiday.

Memorial Day ~ Monday, May 27th

Fourth of July ~ Thursday, July 4th Labor Day ~ Monday, September 2nd