



VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE

MAY-JUNE 2020 NEWSLETTER COVID-19



I hope everyone is safe and well. It has been very difficult on all of us since the COVID-19 Pandemic entered our lives.

I ask that all Village residents follow the Restore Illinois Plan guidelines. On May 29, 2020, we entered Phase 3. It allows gatherings of 10 people or fewer and

continues social distancing and face coverings. Participation in select sports and outdoor activities including tennis, boating and camping is allowed where safe social distance can be practiced. Continue to follow the Illinois Department of Health guidelines for prevention.

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.

Phase 3 Recovery	Phase 4 Revitalization	Phase 5 Illinois Restored
Manufacturing, offices, retail, barbershops, and salons can reopen to the public with capacity and other limits and safety precautions. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer are allowed. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.	Gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed, restaurants and bars reopen, travel resumes, child care and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health. Face coverings and social distancing are the norm.	The economy fully reopens with safety precautions continuing. Conventions, festivals and large events are permitted, and all businesses, schools and places of recreation can open with new safety guidance and procedures.

According to Governor Pritzker, "...regions that meet the metrics could move into Phase 4 possibly as early as Friday, June 26th." To read about Phase 4: Revitalization, go to <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/restore-illinois-phase-4>

Thank you for supporting our local businesses. Have you been looking forward to eating out? Restaurants are now allowed to have outdoor dining in Phase 3 within the guidelines of Restore Illinois. In addition, those who have been avoiding their mirrors can now get a haircut. Look for more businesses to reopen in Phase 4.

Please go to reliable sources to find information.

- The State of Illinois website: <https://www2.illinois.gov/>
- The Center for Disease Control: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/downloads/workplace-school-and-home-guidance.pdf>.
- Illinois Department of Public Health (<http://www.dph.illinois.gov/topics-services/diseases-and-conditions/diseases-a-z-list/coronavirus>)
- McHenry County Health (<https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-a-i/health-department/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>)
- Lake County Department of Health (<https://www.lakecountyil.gov/4377/Coronavirus-Disease-2019-COVID-19>).

Please continue to be safe, stay health and have a good summer.

Fireworks on Saturday, July 18th (rain date : Sunday, July 19)

Chief of Police - Dan Palmer

Police Activity



Hello Island Lake residents and welcome to the Village's online Newsletter. Police activity has been reduced over the past few months to allow time for our village and the rest of Illinois to settle into the Governor's stay at home order. As time has progressed, we, as with some of his restrictions have begun to ease back toward normalcy. Police activity in the main though hasn't really changed. We respond to emergency calls and have also assisted with numerous drive by parades thatidents are requesting to offset their isolation.

New Squads

Squad cars were a concern when I arrived here. The Village Board approved a lease agreement for new squads last year. Because of ordering issues, line changeovers at Ford and the upfitting of squads (installing lights, sirens, radios, etc.), we have just now begun receiving them for delivery. The leasing plan adopted by the Board ultimately results in lower costs and a quicker changeover when we do need to replace squad cars. Some of the outgoing squads have as much as 150,000 miles and were kept in use too long. The photo shows two new Police Interceptor SUV's along with Mayor Amrich, Trustees and a few police department personnel.



Department Staffing

The Police Department is now fully staffed. This is the first time in many years that this has been attained. Inadequate staffing largely contributed to high overtime costs. The overtime costs have been reduced and controlled. Too many hours worked by too few officers in the past was a detriment to the officers' health as well as Village finances.

Wishing everyone a safe summer and hoping that we get back to normal sooner rather than later.



Wauconda Township Senior Bus (available to Island Lake seniors in Nunda Township as well)

Due to the Corona Virus: Van service is limited to doctor trips and possible shopping. All others have been cancelled at this time.

Call for details: 847-526-8688 or 847-526-2631

The Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry at 505 W. Bonner Rd. (behind the Wauconda Township Building) is open for curbside pickup but not inside shopping. Hours are 10:00am – noon, Mon. – Sat., plus 4:30pm – 6:30pm Tues. & Thurs.



Water Department – Patrick Stewart, Water Superintendent



Water Quality Report / Cross Connection Survey

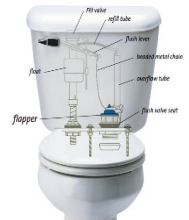
You should have received by mail a copy of the *Annual Quality Report for the Period of January 1, to December 31, 2019*. It is also on our website: <https://villageofislandlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/2019-Annual-Water-Quality-Report.pdf>. On the bottom of back page of the report is a Cross Connection Survey. You can also find the survey on our website here: <https://villageofislandlake.com/forms/>. If you haven't already, please fill out the survey and return it to the Village Hall by mail or in the drop box by the front door.

The Village water system has remained far below all contaminant acceptable ranges enforced by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for yet another year. Like golf and dart scores, the lower the number, the better.

Assorted "Housekeeping" & Reminders

Have you received an unusually high water bill? Most often, a leaking toilet is the culprit. The source of the leak is normally the flapper seal, which is located at the bottom of the water tank usually attached to a chain.

Does your hot water coming out of the tap or shower have an odor, a low flow or discoloration? Your water heater may need to be flushed. Most manufacturers recommend annual flushing.



The Island Lake Water Department has limited all in-home appointments to emergencies only in an effort to limit COVID-19 exposures for the safety of our employees and our residents. All non-emergency requests will be handled over the phone or via email response. We thank you for your understanding.

To Contact the Water Department

Email: Water@villageofislandlake.com

For questions or concerns regarding the water system and water quality, call 847-526-1954.

Historical Society of Island Lake will hold no meetings until further notice. For those spending more time at home during the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions, feel free to explore attics/basements/closets for items of historical interest. For information, visit our website at <https://www.facebook.com/Historical-Society-of-Island-Lake-458482074242473/> or call Connie at 224-656-2822.

Have you completed the 2020 Census? If not, go to <https://my2020census.gov/> to complete it conveniently.

Public Works - Brian Bartnick, Director



Road and Parking Lot Work

Roads to be resurfaced this Spring/Summer, rescheduled from Fall 2019, include Knightsbridge Drive, Revere Lane, Westminster cul-de-sac and Lexington Drive west of Westminster. Schedule will depend on the weather.



The Village Hall front parking lot has been repaved. Striping for new handicapped spaces will be added. The remainder of the parking lot will be done with the road Watch for signs that tell where to park and which entrance to use. Thank you for your patience during the

Keep Streets and Storm Sewers Clear

Grass clippings are a hazard in the roadway and clog storm sewers. Blow grass clippings and yard waste back onto the lawn where they become a natural fertilizer or bag them up for the weekly yard waste collection.



Wood Chips and Mulch FREE for Residents

Wood chips and mulch are available FREE to Island Lake residents only at Converse Park North (See the huge piles across the street from Converse Park.) Loading is self-service; bring your own shovel and containers. *Pickup is at your own risk.* Damage to tires, vehicles and/or persons is not the Village's responsibility.



To Contact Public Works

You can reach the Public Works Department Monday thru Friday 7:00AM to 3:30PM at 847-526-8767, through the Village web site at villageofislandlake.com, direct email at publicworks@villageofislandlake.com.

Garbage/Yard Waste Pickup: One (1) bulk item per week is allowed; all bulk items must be able to be lifted by one person. Any item covered with fabric must be wrapped in plastic. Yard waste stickers are available from Island Foods and Island Lake Walgreens. For information, call Prairieland 847-381-9300.

FREE, Confidential Help from the DIAL 2-1-1 Helpline

DIAL 2-1-1 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to get free, confidential help finding resources for health and human service challenges.

You can also visit the United Way website at <https://uwmchenry.org/> for McHenry County and <https://www.uwlc.org/2-1-1> for Lake County.



Building Department – Russell Kraly, Building Official



Swimming Pools and Fences

Fencing is required around swimming pools. Code requires a minimum of a 48" high fence around the pool, or, a fence installed on the top edge of the pool. This is a safety issue. I will red tag pools that do not comply.

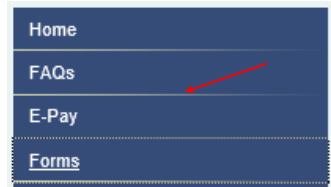


Permits

Permits are required for your summer building projects.

However, we have adjusted the permit process while the Village Hall is closed to the public.

Go to <https://villageofislandlake.com/> and click on the "Forms" tab to find the permit application. Return your completed application with all required information: (*where applicable*): 1) plat of survey, 2) homeowners association approval letter, 3) contractor registration, 4) proposal/contract.



1. Mail: 3720 Greenleaf Avenue, Island Lake, IL 60042
 2. Drop Box at the front door of the building
- Email to: tammy.sizemore@voislk.com with a cc: to russell.kraly@voislk.com

Owner Transfer and Rental Inspections

An Owner Transfer Inspection (OTI) is required before the sale of a property. **Rental Inspections and Registrations are also required at all rental units.** See the checklist on our website: <https://villageofislandlake.com/uncategorized/ownership-transfer-rental-inspection-requirements/>.

Outdoor Construction Hours

Hours for outdoor construction: M-F 7am - 7pm; Sat 8am - 5pm; Sun/holidays 8am - 4pm
For other questions about requirements and projects, call Russell at 847-526-8764, ext. 7862.



Looking for a Preschool for Fall 2020?

Information on our preschool Fall classes, including registration information, cost, and class description is located on the Village website in the downloads.

You may also contact Carmen Brush at Carmen.brush@voislk.com

Emergency Management – Calvin Clay, Coordinator

Our mission is community safety within the guidelines while obtaining the proper training to support our village in the event of a disaster/emergency call-out.

Please Stay Safe and Strong Through this Uncertain Time We Are All Experiencing. Let's Get Through This Together.

COVID-19 Pandemic Protocol

As we experience the Covid-19 Pandemic, we must follow the pandemic protocol: Wash our hands for more than 20 seconds; avoid close contact, stay home if you are sick; cover cough and sneezes and wash hands immediately after; wear a face-mask when in establishments and public; clean and disinfect daily. **For more information: www.cdc.gov/COVID19-symptoms.** **Establish a safety plan with your family** on what to do when a severe thunderstorm or a tornado warning is issued and have it on hand readily. A safe-shelter/safety-shelter is most important.

Storm Season Reminders: Potential for Severe Weather

1. Listen for the emergency sirens; this means immediate danger is fast approaching. Immediate action for safety is critical when severe weather is reported and moving in our direction.
2. Have a designated meeting place established once the storm passes to insure family and friends are safe.
3. Keep in mind a few necessities: bottled water, nonperishable foods, a flashlight, first aid kit and spare clothing.

Assorted Information

Emergency Management Meetings are postponed until further notice. When they resume, meetings will be held on 4th Wednesday of the month at the Village Hall at 1900hrs/7:00pm.

The EMA Team supports our Police Department, Fire Department, Public Works, and Parks and Recreation with specific training. On behalf of the Village of Island Lake EMA, I want to thank our volunteers for their dedication and support.

Change your batteries regularly in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors.

Stay safe and healthy. Enjoy summer!

Recreation Department – Lori Tanzillo, Director

What a ride these last few months have been! No one could even imagine the merciless and unexpected disease that was cast upon us all.

The programs listed below are currently cancelled. We cannot wait for the day that we can say they are running and filled.

Before and After School Club
Camp Greenleaf
Zumba
Yoga
Guitar

Baseball
PeeWee Sports Classes
Concerts in the Park 4th of July Parade and Picnic
Summer Carnival and Car Show

Safety for all is our main priority at this time. We hope to offer many more classes as well. Please be patient as we do not know when it will be SAFE enough to have any of these events or programs.

Please follow the Village website and marquees for updates on our programs. All of the wonderful teachers, counselors, and the Recreation Office staff are staying optimistic that our layoff will be over soon and we can play again. Until this time please, please follow the State of Illinois *Restore Illinois* instructions on which phase we are in. (On May 29, we moved to Phase 3.) Find information here: <https://coronavirus.illinois.gov/s/>.

We have all gone through a lot of work and sacrifices to get to where we are now. Please be diligent as we continue this journey to the next phase. I want you all to stay healthy, happy, and—most of all *optimistic*—for it will be a new normal once we all return!!

Lake Management Committee – Ken Wick (LMC)

Boating Season

The lake, our largest park, is open for boating. Boat stickers are required to use the lake.

While the Village Hall is closed to the public, you can order your stickers at our website, villageofislandlake.com and scroll down to the Epay icon. You can also place payments in the drop box at the front door of the Village Hall.

The lake rules are on our website here: <https://villageofislandlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/LMC-Regulations-2020.pdf>. All fishing regulations, creel and size limits are posted at the boat launch and in the LMC Regulations.



Lake Treatment ; Phosphorus-Free Fertilizer

The first duckweed treatment of the season was Friday, May 29. Only the areas where duckweed grows are treated (not the entire lake). The herbicide is applied directly to the plants to minimize the herbicide use.

Phosphorus-free fertilizer prohibition reminder: Section 5-5-2 of the Village Code prohibits the use of fertilizers containing phosphorus. The middle number on the bag represents phosphorus content; it should be 0 (zero). Whether or not you live on the lake, runoff from your yard eventually flows there and phosphorus contributes to plant growth in the lake.



To contact the Lake Management Committee, call Ken Wick at 847-416-7875 or email ken.wick@voislk.com.

Provided by the Island Lake, Lake Management Committee
Focusing on the health, viability and enhancement of Island Lake for future generations.

BOATING GUIDELINES: PHASE 4

Operational Safe Factors	Boat capacity subject to accompanying table below; no boat shall exceed maximum capacity
Social Distancing	6 ft Social Distancing
Gathering Size	Gatherings <10 people (on or off pier)
Protective Gear	Face Coverings to be worn except for children <2 yr. Harbors will follow all IDPH guidelines regarding PPE and additional best healthy practices
Hygiene Requirements	Harbors increase frequency of sanitizing "touch points", offices, bathrooms and gates. Barriers where needed.
Access to Establishments	Limited re-opening of marinas, launches and associated support facilities
Hygiene Standards	Follow the guidelines set by CDC

BOAT CAPACITY BOAT LENGTH	MAX OCCUPANTS,	MAXIMUM NUMBER OF ADULTS
< 25 Feet	6	4
26-36 Feet	8	6
>36 Feet	10	8

*Subject to the chart above, the occupants of a boat shall not be in excess of the boat manufacturer's recommended occupancy capacity for that boat. If the boat is less than the 20', the U.S. Coast Guard sets the maximum capacity, and the capacity may not exceed those limits either.

**Boat length refers to overall length of the boat, not the boat length at the waterline.

For additional questions and support, call hotline: 800-252-2923 or email ceo.support@illinois.gov.

Real Estate Tax Payment Extensions

Lake County Real Estate Tax Installment Plan: Under the ordinance, Lake County property owners must still pay the full amount of property taxes due. Property owners may pay their property taxes the following schedule without penalty:

By June 8: 50% of first installment normally due in full on June 8

By August 7: 50% (remainder) of first installment normally due on June 8

By September 8: 50% of second installment normally due in full on September 8

By November 9: 50% (remainder) of second installment normally due on September 8.

For more information, go to www.lakecountytreasurer.info/4paymentoption

McHenry County Real Estate Tax Payment Extension: For property owners that do not have their property taxes collected in escrow and that have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 virus outbreak, late penalty fees for the first installment payments made on or before September 15, 2020, will be waived.

Payment after September 15, 2020, of the first installment, will result in all accrued penalties starting at 6%.

This notice does not apply to all escrowed property tax payments.

For more information, go to <https://www.mchenrycountyil.gov/county-government/departments-j-z/treasurer/covid-19-relief>



2020 Village of Island Lake Fireworks Display will be Saturday, July 18 at dusk.

Rain date: Sunday, July 19. Please follow the guidelines of the Governor's *Restore Illinois Plan* Gathering Phase 4, which allows gatherings of up to 50 people and requires social distancing of at least 6' and wearing face coverings except for children under 2 years old.

2020 Summer Events Cancelled:

Like our neighboring communities, The Village of Island Lake has had to cancel our 2020 Summer Events, due to restrictions during the COVID-19 Pandemic. We look forward to the possibility of Fall and Winter Events and encourage you to stay safe.

Village of Island Lake Meetings

Village Board: 2nd and 4th Thursday* of the month, 7:30pm

**No meeting on the 4th Thursday in November and December*

The Following meeting are on an as needed basis.
Agendas will be posted only in the event the meeting are scheduled.

Planning and Zoning: 3rd Thursday of the month
7:30pm

Lake Management: 1st Thursday of the month, 6:30pm

Emergency Management Agency: 4th Wednesday*,
7:00pm

Police and Fire Commission: 1st Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Events Planning: 2nd Tuesday, 6:30pm

Contact Us

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Office Open: Monday – Friday 8:00 am – 4:30pm
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until further notice

