



From Mayor McLaughlin

A few updates on crucial projects in the Village...

The 52-Unit, age 55+ building with Senior Loft apartments (on the former Sheltering Oak site on Beech Street) will break ground March/April 2023 and should be ready for occupancy in the summer of 2024. The concept and zoning for this project was approved in 2019. The apartments will be HUD subsidized; 5 of those will be targeted for veterans. The developer (*not the Village*) will begin to take applications 3 – 6 months before the building opens.

Dollar General is slated to open late summer/early fall 2022. We look forward to having a convenient, local shopping location and much needed sales tax revenue to help support our budget. Attracting a grocery store is also a priority for convenience and revenue.

Incidents of vandalism are, unfortunately, increasing in our parks and public places. The cost of this destruction and defacement of property is greater than just financial. It is demoralizing for the community, the repairs take time away from projects that benefit and showcase the community, and the damage can result in closure of parks and facilities. Talk to your families about respect and care for our shared property.

Public Works and Water

Summer hours for Public Works from June 1 through September 2: 6:30am to 3:00pm. For water emergencies after hours, call 847-526-2100. *Note: Water Department after-hours service charge is \$100 that will be added to your water bill.*

Road work—including striping—is complete on Burnett Road and Eastway Drive. Enjoy the smooth ride at the posted speed limit. Drive safely in work zones where Public Works employees are doing patch work on other roads.

Park improvements are in progress. Public Works has been refurbishing and repairing our parks—including the Village Hall grounds and ball fields. Please respect the park lands and equipment and report any damage you see. The beach house at Veterans Park should be open early in July.

To Contact Public Works: 847-526-8767 or through our website at <https://villageofislandlake.com>

Beach Closure information is available from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Link to official beach closure information on our website here: <https://villageofislandlake.com/parks-beaches>.

McHenry and Lake County Health Departments test the water at our beaches and determine whether beaches must be closed due to bacteria counts.

Police Department

Speeding and stop sign violations in our neighborhoods continue to be one of the most frequent complaints to the police department. The department has been tasked with upping enforcement efforts in the coming months. What we have often found is that violations are most often by the people who live in, or in close proximity to, that neighborhood. That makes sense because those are the people who use the streets most often. Reminders:

- Please be aware of your speed.
- Please be sure to make *full stops* at all stop signs.
- Children are out of school and playing outside more in the summer. Please be careful around them.
- Please avoid collector streets in other areas of town as a cut through convenience. The urge to save time, can lead to higher speeds.
- To request overnight parking on the streets, go to our website <https://villageofislandlake.com/over-night-parking>

Building and Code Enforcement

Summer is our busiest building season. Pulte Homes is averaging 3 new home builds a month in the Walnut Glen and Prairie Woods neighborhood. Construction of the Dollar General began this spring; the store is slated to open in late summer/early fall.

Permits—including for dumpsters—are required for most building projects. Go to our website at <https://villageofislandlake.com/forms> to find the Permit Application, Building Department Information and Contractor Registration. Permits take 7-10 business days to process; applications cannot be accepted without complete paperwork; a checklist of requirements is included on the application form. Orange permit cards must be displayed in a front window of the house.

Code Enforcements: Our ordinances require you to keep your property groomed and free of debris. Use the good summer weather to get rid of junk cars and other nuisances in your yard.

To Contact Building and Code Enforcement: 847-526-8764 or through our website at <https://villageofislandlake.com>



Classes still available for the 2022-23 school year.

For class availability please visit the Village website (<https://villageofislandlake.com>, click on Creative Playtime Preschool on the toolbar on the left) or contact **Carmen Brush** at carmen.brush@voislk.com or 847-526-8795.

Coming Events*

Independence Day Parade: Sunday, July 3 (yes, July 3)
LakeFest: July 15, 16 and 17
Fireworks: July 16; rain date July 17
National Night Out: Tuesday, August 2
Concert in the Park: August 12
Lions Club Cornfest: Sunday, August 21
Venetian Night: Saturday, September 10
Oktoberfest: September 23 and 24 (yes, in September)
Lioness Club Chili/Bonfire/Band Event: Saturday, October 1

*Events and dates are subject to change. Visit our website <https://villageofislandlake.com> for updates and details.

Village Office Closed

Monday, July 4
Monday, September 5

Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Update:

LRS (Lakeshore Recycling Systems has purchased Prairieland Disposal. Their facility is now located at 1350 N Old Rand Rd, Wauconda, IL—moved from their facility at 21N988 Pepper Rd in Lake Barrington. Drop off items are now accepted at the Wauconda facility. Customer Service contact phone # remains the same: 847-381-9300.

Contact the Village of Island Lake for information: For the official source of information call the Village office at 847-526-8764, Public Works at 526-9767 and the Water Department at 847-526-1954. The official website of the Village of Island Lake is www.villageofislandlake.com. Click on the **Contact Us** link in the blue toolbar on the left and select the department you would like to reach.