

Village of Island Lake Newsletter: January 2023 Mini-Newsletter

From Mayor McLaughlin

Happy New Year! Please stay safe and warm now that winter is upon us.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we made good progress on many key projects.

- ✓ Paving of Burnett Rd and Eastway Dr.
- ✓ Water tower painting and preventative maintenance
- ✓ Refurbishing/repairing of basketball court and ballfields
- ✓ Lakeview Bridge replacement project
- ✓ Dead tree removal
- ✓ Studies for improvement of our lake quality
- ✓ Implementation of a new work order system for Public Works
- ✓ Opening of Dollar General



Looking Forward to 2023

- Senior Lofts, housing for ages 55+ on Beech St, will break ground in the spring and could be ready for occupancy in approximately a year.
- Kelley's Mobile Market and Gas station at 176 and River Road will break ground in the spring.
- Emerald Dispensary and Lounge (in the former Blackhawk Bank building) is scheduled to open in April/May.
- The updated Comprehensive Plan for the Village will be completed.
- Additional road repaving and fixing of curbs
- Testing for new police officers
- Development of new businesses

Finally, THANK YOU to all who step up to serve you in so many ways:

All of the departments of the Village, the Commission members, the community groups and the volunteers who help make this community a good home.

Public Works

'Tis the season for challenging weather conditions. Public Works staff is on call to keep our roads clear and safe during winter storms. Be courteous to the snow plow crew and please note:



- Arterial streets will be plowed first—for example Eastway, Burnett, Waterford Way, Hale, Carriage Hill Dr, Westridge Dr and Newport Dr.
- Do not shovel, plow or blow snow into the roadway as you clear your driveway.
- We will repair/replace your mailbox only if the snowplow hits it directly. You are responsible to make sure your mailbox can withstand the weight of snow from the plow.
- Stay safe at home if you don't need to go out during a storm.

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Welcome to new businesses in town: Luxury T's Boutique, 636 E State Rd; Universall Feelings – Custom Apparel, Gifts & Handmade Boutique, 4015 Roberts Rd; Moon Dust Antiques and Gifts, 125 E State Rd; Nirvana Nutrition, 215 A E State Rd; Annie's Restaurant and Bar, 231 E State Rd; Dollar General, 1 Waters Edge Dr.

Shop local and support local businesses!

Public Meetings

Village Board: 2nd, 4th Thurs.* of the month, 7:00pm
*No meeting on the 4th Thurs. in Nov. and Dec.

Planning and Zoning Commission: 3rd Thurs. of the month, 7:30pm as needed

Parks and Lake Commission: 1st Mon. of the month, 6:30pm

Emergency Management Agency: 3rd Wednesday*, 7:00pm **as needed**
*No meeting in July, Aug., Nov. and Dec.

Police and Fire Commission: 1st Wed. of the month, 7:30pm as needed

Historical Society: 1st Mon. of the month, 7:00pm

Are you interested in serving on a Village Commission? Go to the Village website and click on the Job & Village Commissions tab to find an Interest Form.

Contact the Village of Island Lake for information:

Village office: 847-526-8764
Public Works & Water: 847-526-8767
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.

Visit our website for a directory with a list of Village and Community Contacts.

Reminders

- **2023 Vehicle stickers are on sale; deadline for purchase and display is Feb. 14, 2023. For mail-in and drop box application; you must include a self-addressed stamped envelope.**

- *Water Bills are mailed quarterly in Jan., Apr., July, and Oct.*

Police Department

Caution: Winter Driving Ahead! As we usher in 2023, *be vigilant driving in the coming inclement weather.* Snow, ice and other roadway issues make caution necessary. It'll be a few months before that's behind us, so leave enough time for your trip and enough space behind the vehicle in front of you to avoid any driving issues. As always, be especially vigilant and drive safely in the residential area where pedestrians are more often present. Most of the violators we ticket are locals who either live nearby or are just cutting through as a shortcut.



Locked vehicles deter theft. It pains me to say once again, but I must *remind residents to lock their vehicles and do not, under any circumstance, leave*

the keys inside the car. Yes, it happens—and frequently. A car was even taken from an unlocked garage. Almost all of our thefts of and from motor vehicles are crimes of opportunity. Most criminals pull on the door handle and if it's locked, they move on to the next house.

No Parking on Streets Overnight or During a Snowfall. Title 7, 7-7-3 (A.7.a.) of the Village Code prohibits overnight parking between 2:00 and 6:00 a.m. Under special circumstances, however, overnight parking can be requested online. 7-7-1 A of the Code prohibits parking "When one inch or more of snow has accumulated...or when streets are in an iced or glazed condition..."

Building and Code Enforcement

Updated Building Codes: On 11/10/2022, The Village adopted the 2020 International and National Electrical Codes as part of our building regulations. We expect to adopt the updated State of Illinois Plumbing Code in the near future.

Building Permit Assorted Notes: **Permit applications** are on our website on the "Forms" tab. **Permit processing** takes 7-10 working days. **Lead time for scheduling inspections** is 24 hours. **Orange permit cards must be displayed** in the window for inspections to be performed. **Fines apply for starting work without a permit. Permits are required** for interior work that involves adding or changing location of electricity, plumbing or gas line

and for furnace replacement. If you need to do an emergency furnace replacement, we will expedite the permit. **Contractors must be registered with the Village** and must provide a certificate of insurance; this requirement is to protect homeowners. **Note to Do-It Yourselfers: We cannot provide advice on construction.** If the project is not your area of expertise, *consider getting a professional.*

Code Enforcement Goal Is Property Cleanup: Village officials and your neighbors want properties to be orderly and free of debris. **If the property owner remedies a code violation within 14 days, no fine is collected** for Citations. Common complaints are unlicensed/inoperable vehicles, and yard debris.

Parks and Lake Commission

Another Grant Award: The Parks and Lake Commission (PLC) is excited to announce **we've won another Stormwater Management Grant!** This grant allows us to begin the Channel Park Native Buffer Installation project, which aims to filter pollutants and sediments from stormwater runoff, decrease erosion, provide habitat for wildlife, and create a visually appealing and ecologically diverse area for people to enjoy. This project aligns with the goals of our lake study and Mutton creek study, and helps us to address important issues related to water quality and erosion in the area.

Ice Skating at Eastway Park: This winter, **we will return ice skating to Eastway Park**—complete with new lighting and parking improvements. Our Public Works Department will clear the rink for cooperative use on the lake; we encourage skaters to bring shovels to clear surface snow. Remember: **Skating is at your own risk;** follow ice safety guidelines such

as checking ice thickness, avoiding skating alone, avoiding cracks in the ice, open water and areas with slush, and having an emergency plan.

Updated Signs: Keep an eye out for updated fishing regulation signs and sign-board upgrades.

Save the date for the first PLC **Spring Expo on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, 2023.** This event will be held at the Village Hall and Park. We hope to see you there!

Cardboard Sled Races: **Come join us at Converse Park for our inaugural Cardboard Sled Races on Saturday, January 21, 2023** from 1-4pm—or Jan. 28 in the event of unsuitable weather/hill conditions. Teams of 1-4 people will build their own themed cardboard sleds and race them down the hill! Hot chocolate and treats will be available. Sign up and get more details on the Village of Island Lake website. Prizes for Distance and Creativity. Free Registration.

Club Counselors Needed! Go to villageofislandlake.com and click on Job Opportunities for information and application. **Days Off School Program** offered for Feb. 16, 17 and 20. **Open Gym for ages 18 months-6 years.** See website for details.