

VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE



SPRING 2024 NEWSLETTER

April, May, June

From Mayor McLaughlin



Spring is here and the time is right for sprucing up your property. I was pleased to see that property values in the Village are rising; an attractive community attracts much needed business. We continue our efforts to have owners cleanup and repair their residential and commercial properties. We are especially focused on facades and parking lots of commercial properties. Respect your neighbors and our community by putting a good face on our Village.

positive progress!

Business Developments

The Grand Opening for **Emerald, a lounge and dispensary** at 660 E. State Rd., be April 29, 2024. **Kelley's Mobil Market** Route 176 and River Rd. has made it over all the hurdles and will begin construction soon. The long road to the development of this began in 2019 with the annexation of the property. The gas tanks at the **former Savemore gas station** at 311 E. State Rd. have been removed and the building is scheduled for demolition at the end of April. The new property owner is working with the Village on a development that would be attractive and beneficial. I am speaking to **potential grocers to fill the former Island Foods store.**

Park Developments

Converse Park playground will be completed by Memorial Day. The **18-hole Disc Golf Course at Puri Family Park** (behind Walgreens) will open in late spring/early summer. Cleanup of parks and the channel area continues. Seasonal lake treatment and cleanup has begun.

2024 MFT Road Projects are scheduled for Newbury Village. Road work should be completed by early summer. We are working to identify projects for the next cycle of projects.

Senior Lofts apartments on Beech St. are expected to be ready by early fall. *The Village does not have information about application and leasing;* if we receive it from the developer we will post it on our website. Watch the signs on the property for updates.

Applications for Camp Greenleaf Summer Camp are open through April 25. Club Coordinator Amy McClure is planning an exciting variety of activities. Applications are on the website Forms tab and Recreation page of our website and in the office.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 22** Small electronics curbside pickup
- May 17** Cop on the Rooftop Fundraiser at Dunkin'
- May 27** Memorial Day Commemoration at Veterans Park
- June 6** Concert in the Park at Converse Park
- June 8, 9** Kids/ Fishing Derby, Eastway Park
- June 8, 9** Carp Fest at Eastway Park
Village Wide Garage Sales
- June 21, 22, 23** Lake Fest, Water Tower Park
- July 4** Independence Day Parade and Picnic

2024 will feature some great returning and new events. Lake Fest on June 21, 22 and 23 will feature a new lineup of bands from blues to rock to country to salsa. Watch our website for and updated Events Calendar.

In other developments, I am working on a **Sister City program with L'Isle-sur-la-Sorgue**, a town in France. **Congratulations to Braeden Carlsen** on breaking the single season overall scoring record for Wauconda Boys Basketball! **Congratulations to resident Dorothy Gabbei on her 102 birthday.** Watch our website for news about my **forthcoming Mayor's podcast.** **Baseball will be returning to our fields,** thanks to Phenom Illinois and Lakes Youth Area Athletics (LYAA).

Enjoy the summer! I look forward to seeing you around and about our community.

Now that the weather is getting warmer, let's talk about parks!

Converse Park We are excited to announce a new playground for Converse Park. The new park structure and swing set is scheduled to be installed by Memorial Day. The playground is modular and can have add-ons in the future

Channel Park Tree clearing will be complete by the end of summer. A native buffer will be installed around the shoreline in August. Enjoy the wonderful new nature walk!

Puri Park Our new 18-hole Disc Golf Course will be completed and operational in late spring, early summer.

Veterans Park We have completed our shoreline restoration. We also added a kayak launch— thanks in part to a generous donation from the Lions Club. Please make sure to check it out.



Converse Park Playground



Eastway Park Construction of a pavilion at Eastway Park is underway. The foundation pad is prepared and building will begin this summer!

New Offices Coming Soon We are completing renovation of the new office in the former classroom wing at the Village Hall. This project will be complete by early summer.

Thank You Residents! We would like to thank our residents for all their help in our **Water Meter Replacement Program**. Our goal is to replace all meters throughout the Village to improve billing efficiency.

2024 MFT Road Projects Slated for repaving year are the following roads in Newbury Village: Ilene Dr – Newbury Dr to Burnett Rd; Newbury Dr – Ilene Dr to end; Lauren Ln – Newbury Dr to Newbury Dr; Max Court – Newbury Dr to Ilene Dr; Debra Dr – Newbury Dr to end; Lynette Ln – Debra Dr to Debra Dr (circle). Stop by the Village Hall to see a map of roads that will be repaved.

High Water Use Do to Leaks Does your water bill seem unusually high? It may be caused by a leak or a change in water use. Some common causes are: irrigation systems, plumbing issues—such as leaky pipes or faulty seals around fixtures—and leaky toilets. Leaky toilets are the most common culprit. The average leaky toilet can waste over 200 gallons of water per day and often times makes no sound.

The 2023 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report is available on our website here:

<https://villageofislandlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2023-Annual-Water-Quality-Report.pdf>

Stickers for boats and for golf carts/ROVs are available at the Village office.

Forms are available on our website.

Garbage, Recycling and Yard Waste Reminders

- All materials must be at the curb/roadside by 7:00am on Mondays.
- Call LRS, 847-381-9300, for billing questions, missed pickups and large item pickup requests.
- Yard waste pickup resumed: Monday, April 1, 2024.
- **Monday, April 22 is the annual small electronics curbside pickup.**

Police Department, Chief Jennifer Paulus

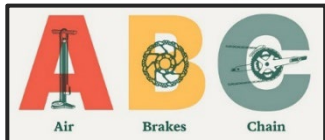
May is National Bike Safety Month.



Dust off those seats, check your tires and brakes and go for a ride! Whether you are a new cyclist or seasoned rider, it's always a good idea to do a pre-ride bicycle inspection.



Remember your ABCs—Air, Brakes, Chain. Check your tires for proper inflation and cracks or excessive wear. Check your brakes to make sure they engage properly and smoothly. Check at your bike chain and all the gears to make sure they are clean and lubricated.



Be smart, be safe and follow the rules of the road. Bicyclists have the same rights and responsibilities as other roadway users. Drivers must yield the right-of-way to a bicyclist just as they would to another vehicle. When passing a bicyclist, motorists must do so slowly and leave at least three feet of passing space.

Just like seatbelts help save lives, **properly fitted bicycle helmets save lives, too.** The Police Department cares about you and your safety and wants you to enjoy your bike rides. In fact, **during the month of May from 8am – 4pm, stop by the Police Department on your bicycle, wearing your helmet, and ride away with a coupon for a treat** from McDonald's or one of our other safety partners!

Assorted Notes

Citations payment online: Make sure you select the right payment option for paying for citations online. Most will be paid on the new Quicket system.

School's Out; Watch Out! for children in and around the streets. Obey speed limits and be ready to stop if necessary.

Report vandalism: Damage to Village parks and property is costly—both financially and in the loss of enjoyment of our shared public spaces.

Building Department

The busiest building season of the year is underway. **Permit applications are available on our website** at www.villageofislandlake.com/Forms. *Note: Permit processing can take up to 20 business days. Complete paperwork and a \$50 application fee are required or the application will be rejected.*

Permits are required for most work. Check the requirements first to avoid penalties. Refer to **Title 8 Building Regulations** of the *Village Code* on our website for detailed information about building requirements and adopted codes. Call 48 hours in advance to request required inspections.

Contractors must register with the Village; forms are available on our website. *Penalties also apply for working without a registration.*

Other forms and information available on our website include: Building Department Information, New Business Guidelines Packet and Business Registration.

Call JULIE to locate and flag underground utilities for before you dig. You can request utility locators on their website: <https://www.illinois1call.com>. *NOTE: The Building Department does not call for locates.* Be wise; be safe; protect your family and your neighbors.



The Building Department relocated. Come in the main entrance, go to the end of the hall, turn left and go to the end of that hall.

ATTENTION Do It Yourselfers (DIY)! Are you confident in your skill to tackle a building project? If not, hire a professional. Permit applications are your responsibility. A fee applies for consultations with the Building Official.

Camp Greenleaf 2024 Registration Applications are on our website www.villageofislandlake.com on the Forms tab and on the Recreation page www.villageofislandlake.com/Forms and here

Parks and Lake Commission

Calendar of Events: Watch our website and the marquee for more details and updates.



Sat., Apr. 20, 10am – 3pm: Earth Day Expo, Village Hall: Explore eco-friendly booths exhibits, kids' activities, geocaching, Adopt-a-Park and Parks and Lake projects information, and more.

Sat., April 27, 10am.-1pm: Park Cleanup Day: Join with the Parks and Lake Commission and volunteers for a park cleanup—a fun way to meet neighbors and serve our community.

Sat., May11: Victory Garden Compost Day, courtesy of SWALCO.

Sat., May 18, 10am-1pm: Adopt-a-Park Cleanup Day: Focus will be on sprucing up beaches—pull weeds, pick up trash, rake the sand and the shoreline. **Lions Kayak Launch Celebration:** Weather permitting: details to come.

Sat., June 8-9: Carp Fest and Kids' Fishing Derby, starts at 7:00am: Register at Eastway Park on June 8. Registration forms available online or at the Village Hall; Prizes, raffles, instructional help for beginners and kids' fishing poles donated by the Lions Club. Help improve our lake water quality by removing the carp!



Sat. June 18, 10am – 1pm: Park Cleanup Day: Site to be determined

Assorted Parks and Lake News: Director Chris Carlsen, Trustee Pyne and Commission Member Trevor Mock attended the Illinois Lakes Management Association (ILMA) conference in Champaign. • Integrated Lakes Management will monitor the lake and treat as needed up to 6 treatments. • Channel shoreline stabilization and Native Buffer projects continue to move forward with the help of Public Works. • The kayak launch donated by the Lions Club was installed at Veterans Park beach by volunteers and Public Works. • Riprap shoreline protection was also installed by Public Works. • New playground equipment will be installed at Converse Park by Memorial Day.



Contact the Village

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Official website of the Village of Island Lake: www.villageofislandlake.com. Click on the [Contact Us](#) link in the blue toolbar on the left and select a department.

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

Public Meetings

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

Planning and Zoning Commission:

3rd Thurs., 7:00pm *as needed*

Parks and Lake Commission:

1st Mon., 6:30pm *as needed*

Emergency Management Agency:

3rd Wed. *, 7:00pm *as needed*

**No meeting July, Aug., Nov. & Dec.*

Police and Fire Commission:

1st Wed., 6:30pm *as needed*

Historical Society: 1st Mon., 7:00pm

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CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30 – 1:30pm.

Special holiday hours are posted on the website and on the door of the Village Hall.

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