

VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE



Summer 2024 NEWSLETTER

July, August, September

From Mayor McLaughlin



Kudos to businesses and homeowners who are refurbishing, repairing and cleaning up their property. Notably, the former Savemore Gas building has been demolished, paving the way for new business development on that site. The new owner of the property is working with the Village to explore business opportunities. The parking lot in the Auburn Drive shopping area been repaved. **Coming Soon: an announcement about a grocer** to fill the former Island Foods building.

We continue to work to make Island Lake a welcoming and attractive community that people and businesses are proud to call home.

Converse Park playground is now open. The **18-hole Disc Golf Course at Puri Family Park** (behind Walgreens) will open in July. Team baseball has returned to the fields at Converse Park and the Village Hall Campus.

2024 MFT Road Projects bids are in and work on Newbury Village roads will begin this summer.

Senior Lofts apartments on Beech St. should be ready for occupancy this fall. Contact the developer for information at 847-865-9736 or beechstseniorlofts@kmgprestige.com.

SWALCO has a textile collection bin outside the gym at the Village Hall. Help keep textiles out of the waste stream. *Note: Rugs and shoes not accepted.*

Before and After School Club for the 2024-2025 school year plans are being finalized. Watch our website for information and applications.

2024 Camp Greenleaf Summer Camp was cancelled due to lack of enrollment.

The Village has leased an electric vehicle for use by the building and administrative use. It replaces the old and unserviceable building department vehicle. It is energy efficient—no gas, no oil changes—and no wear and tear on personal vehicles. It will save the Village money. It is part of the Enterprise fleet so we have no long-term investment.

Join your neighbors and invite your friends for upcoming community events. Fireworks will be July 13, with a rain date of July 14. The annual National Night Out sponsored by our Police Department will be August 6 at the Village Hall. Concert in the Park will be August 15 (a Thursday night) at Converse Park. Lions Corn Fest will be August 18 at Water Tower Park; Lioness/Lions Chili Bonfire will be September 21 at Converse Park. Oktober Fest will be September 27, 28 and 29 at Water Tower Park.

DATES TO REMEMBER

July 4 Independence Day Parade & Picnic

July 13 Fireworks; *rain date July 14*

Aug. 6 National Night Out, Village Hall

Aug. 15 Concert in the Park, Converse Park

Aug. 18 Lions Corn Fest, Water Tower Park

Sept. 15 Adopt-a-Park Clean-up, Converse

Sept 21 Lioness/Lions Chili Bonfire, Converse Park, Rain Date Oct. 5

Sept. 27, 28, 29 Oktober Fest

Planning for 2024-2025 Before and After School Club held at Cotton Creek School is nearly finalized. Watch for details on the Village website www.villageofislandlake.com on the Forms tab and on the Recreation page.

Public Works and Water, Director Chris Carlsen

Public Works is an all-season, all-conditions crew. In addition to regularly scheduled work on public buildings, grounds and parks, we address urgent situations as they arise. We appreciate your cooperation and patience as we address emergencies.

Park Progress

The **new Converse Park playground** is in and enjoying lots of use.

The **Channel Park native buffer** will be installed around the shoreline in August.

Park mowing and maintenance is ongoing and our Public Works crew braves the heat of summer. Thanks to the Adopt-a-Park volunteers who help care for parks and to the residents who treat the parks with respect and care.



Road work for the 2024 MFT Road Projects will begin this summer. The bid process was completed on June 13, 2024. This year's repaving are the following Newbury Village roads: 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.

Water Department

The **Water Meter Replacement Program** that will improve billing efficiency continues. Thank you to residents who have made and kept their appointments for meter replacements. If you haven't had one already, expect a call to set your appointment. Someone will need to be home while the work is done; it will take about half an hour.

Water leaks or a change in use can cause unusually high water bills. 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.

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

<https://villageofislandlake.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/06/2023-Annual-Water-Quality-Report.pdf>

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 continues through Monday, 11/25/2024. Make sure to bag or bundle the items.
- Place your garbage and recycle containers at least 3 feet apart for efficient pickup.

Midwest Organics will accept leaves all year long if you drop them off in paper yard waste bags.

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

Forms are available on our website or at the office.



Police Department, Chief Jennifer Paulus

What is Code Enforcement? The Village of Island Lake has an Official Village Code of Ordinances (Village Code). The Code is adopted by the Village Board and is published on the Village's website. Ordinances amending the Village Code occur from time to time depending on the Village's needs, statutory changes and adoptions of updated Statewide or National Codes.

The purpose of Code Enforcement is to safeguard the public health, safety, and general welfare through regulation. The goal of Code Enforcement is voluntary compliance. We are confident we can count on the Island Lake Community to work together to maintain the safety and quality of life our residents' desire.



Enforcement of the Village Code is shared by the Building Department and the Police Department. The Building Department is primarily responsible for code enforcement relating to building, construction, business regulations, planning and zoning, permitting, plumbing, electrical and rental inspections as well as other codes.



The Police Department is primarily responsible for enforcement of public safety and nuisance code violations. These types of codes include criminal offenses, motor vehicles and traffic, parking, property maintenance, junk vehicles, noise violations, burning violations, animal control, and park rules.

How do I contact the Police Department if it's not an emergency? During regular business hours, call 847-526-2100. After hours, call 547-438-2349. However, if it is an actual emergency—where minutes count—call 911.

How can I contribute to a safe community? Drive slowly and cautiously on Village streets. If you observe suspicious or dangerous activity, call the Police Department. We appreciate your help in making Island Lake a good place to call home.

Building Department

How do I know if I need a permit?

Title 8 of the Village Code contains requirements for permits. Go to

<https://villageofislandlake.com/ordinances>. Click on Village of Island Lake Code, then Title 8. Scroll to Section 8-1-3. A quick reference is on the forms tab of our website. Go to <https://villageofislandlake.com/forms> and click on Building Department Information.

What are the requirements for fences?

Go to <https://villageofislandlake.com/ordinances>, Title 8, Chapter 2 FENCES for fence requirements. If your fence is in disrepair, you will be required to repair or replace it.
Note: No privacy/solid fences allowed.

Is a permit required to cut down a tree?

Yes, in most cases. Title 8, Chapter 14 of the Village Code (go to <https://villageofislandlake.com/ordinances>; click on Village Code, then Title 8) lists the requirements for tree removal. Find the tree removal application form on the website here:

<https://villageofislandlake.com/forms>; click on Tree Removal Permit Application).

How do I schedule inspections for permit work?

Call 847-416-7861 at least 48 hours in advance.

Does the Village have a copy of my plat of survey?

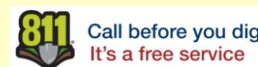
No. Neither does your township or county. You may have a copy with the closing papers for your house; if not, you will need to contact a surveyor.

How do I open a new business?

The New Business Registration Guidelines form is on our website here: <https://villageofislandlake.com/forms>.
Note: Requirements include inspections by Wauconda Fire District and the Building Department. The business will be permitted to open when it is issued a Certificate of Occupancy and is properly registered.

Call JULIE to locate and flag underground utilities for before you dig. Request locators here:

<https://www.illinois1call.com>. NOTE: The Building Department does not call for locates.



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.

Parks and Lake Commission

What was loads of fun, got rid of about 109 pounds of invasive carp and hooked 217 catch-and-release fish? The 2024 Carp Fest and the Kids Fishing Derby. Anglers caught 11 carp (8 more than last year). Tommy K. in the Under 18 category caught the heaviest at 20.9 pounds. The Kids Fishing Derby, a new event, brought around 50 youngsters who caught and released 217 fish.

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) with help from Lions Members Mark Beeson, Trevor Mock, Ed Venner; Director of Public Works Chris Carlson and Jeff Sonne from Public Works **pulled 149 carp—just over 2,300 pounds!—from the lake.** Reducing the invasive carp population helps improve water quality.

A water quality study by ILM Environments (Integrated Lakes Management) has been approved to measure sources and levels of PH in the lake. This will help identify where nutrient deactivation bags can be placed along Mutton Creek and the lake. A \$50,000 T-Mobile grant for this purpose is being pursued by ILM and the village.

Lake treatments and use of the WaterGator will continue as needed. Within 24 hours of treatment, no-use restrictions information will be posted on the Village website or marquee. Notice of treatments with potential pet, human or irrigation restrictions will be posted prior to treatment.

New playgrounds at Converse and Maple Ridge are getting a lot of use. Benches for the parks are coming soon.

Addison Morgan planted a pollinator garden at the Converse Park sign for her Girl Scout Gold Award.

Public Works and the Parks Lake Commission are consulting with outside contractors about the **placement of aerators, water movers and fountains on the lake.** Recommended changes will be discussed at a meeting.



New signage was installed at the Lions Kayak Launch at Veteran's Park.

Watch for fun activities by the Parks and Lake Commission at the Lions Club annual Fall Fest on Saturday, October 12 at Converse Park.

Contact the Village

Village Office: 847-526-8764

Fax: 847-526-1534

Public Works & Water: 847-526-8767

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

Village Office Hours Mon – Fri 8:00am – 4:30pm

CLOSED FOR LUNCH 12:30 – 1:30pm.

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