

VILLAGE OF ISLAND LAKE

FALL 2024 NEWSLETTER

October, November and December



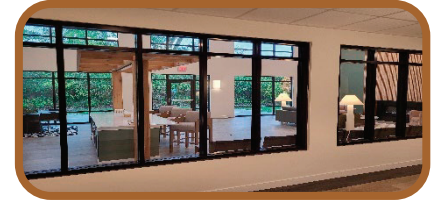
From Mayor McLaughlin



A new, family-owned grocery store will soon seal the deal for the former Island Foods space. They will make an announcement at an upcoming Village Board Meeting. *Would you like to keep a long awaited store in our town? Shop there and fill your cart!* Save time; save gas; save local businesses. Meanwhile, our own Walgreens and Dollar General stock some grocery items. *Put your money where your town is* and support local businesses.

Senior Lofts 55+ Apartments on Beech Street are ready for occupancy. Stop in and ask for a tour.

Before and After School Club is underway and running smoothly. Thank you to our new coordinator, Amy McClure.



Converse Park playground will soon enjoy an addition to the new equipment, thanks to our ability to shift grant money for engineering money to equipment.



Ribbon Cutting for the 18-hole Disc Golf Course at Puri Family and Veterans Parks (behind Walgreens) will be in November; watch our website for information. Park'D for Parks, the group that donated \$12,410 and countless hours of volunteer labor for development of the course, will host.

Thanks to the folks who turned out for our 5th Annual **Oktoberfest** at Water Tower Park in September. Special thanks to the faithful volunteers who helped out. We are already planning for the 6th annual.

See **DATES TO REMEMBER** on the right for forthcoming events through the end of the year. Planning is underway for 2025 events. Volunteers are always needed.

2024 Holiday Meals and Angel Giving Program is working with our local schools to help families in need. Donations can be made cash, check or credit card at the Village Hall. Deadline for Thanksgiving meal donations is Thurs., Nov. 21. Deadline is Thurs., Dec. 12 for Christmas meals donations and Angel Giving department store gift cards or bank cards for holiday shopping (for example: Wal-Mart, Target, Meijer; Visa, American Express, MasterCard). If you'd prefer to donate money toward gift cards, we will buy them.



Did you know...?

Veterans Assistance is available through:

Lake County: <https://www.vaclc.org/> or call 847-377-3344

McHenry County: Call 815-334-4229 or go to veterans@mchenrycountyil.gov

The **McHenry County Green Guide** www.mchenry.edu/green/green-guide.pdf and **SWALCO** (Solid Waste Agency of Lake County) www.SWALCO.org are good resources for finding how to dispose of certain items that aren't collected by our waste hauler.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 12 Find the Golden Pumpkin
Lions Fall Fest

Oct. 26 Trunk or Treat, 2-4pm, Village Hall
Victory Garden Closing Day

Oct. 31 Trick or Treat, 4 – 8pm

Nov. 11 Park Cleanup Day 9 – 11am

Nov. 21 Thanksgiving Meal donations due

Nov. 23 Star Lighting, Historical Society,

Nov. 23, 24 Craft Fair

Nov. 25 Last Yard Waste Pickup

Nov. 28, 29 Village Hall Closed, Thanksgiving

Dec. 7 Tree Lighting and Spaghetti with
Santa, Village Hall

Dec. 12 Christmas meal and Angel Giving
donations due

Village Office Holiday Closures
Dec. 23 – 27 and Jan. 1, 2025

Jan. 25 or Feb. 8, 2025 Cardboard Sled Race

**The Village of Island Lake Staff
wishes you a safe and peaceful
holiday season.**

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.

Public Works is preparing our vehicles and equipment to keep the roads safe during the season of snow and ice. Are you ready for winter? We would like to remind you of the following:

- ✓ *Arterial streets are the priority*, for example: Eastway, Burnett, Waterford Way, Hale Lane, Newport Drive, Carriage Hill Road, and Westridge Drive.
- ✓ *Do not shovel, blow or plow snow onto the street.*
- ✓ *Park your vehicle off the street* when it starts to snow. This allows crews to clear the entire roadway and prevents your vehicle from being plowed in, ticketed or towed.
- ✓ *Be courteous to the plow crew.* They are out there to make your travel safe.
- ✓ *Try to clear snow around fire hydrants.* This simple step could save precious time in emergencies.
- ✓ *Remove portable items* from the road right-of-way—for example, basketball hoops, benches and decor. The Village is not responsible for damage to these items resulting from snow removal operations.
- ✓ Mailbox posts must be strong enough to withstand the weight of plowed snow. Public Works will repair posts and boxes only if we hit them directly with the snowplow.

Road work for the 2024 MFT Road Project in Newbury Village is complete. Thank you for your patience and cooperation while the work was in progress.

The Mutton Creek Native Buffer—designed to help stabilize the shoreline was supported by grant funding. The project began in 2023; the buffer is now in place at Channel Park.

Water Department

The Water Meter Replacement Program is a multi-year project. To date, we have replaced nearly 600 meters. We are in the process of scheduling replacements in the following neighborhoods: Eastway Dr., Honeysuckle Dr., Briar Rd., Rose Ave., Ivy Rd., Southern Terr., Midway Dr., Elder Dr., Woodland Circles North and South, Sumac Ave. and Woodbine Ave. Expect a call from Public Works to make an appointment. Someone over the age of 18 must be present during the replacement work; it will take about half an hour.



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. Note: Midwest Organics will accept leaves all year long if you drop them off in paper yard waste bags.
- Place your garbage and recycle containers at least 3 feet apart for efficient pickup.

Holiday Tree Curbside Pickup will be Mon., Dec. 30 and Mon. Jan. 6, 2025.

All lights and decorations must be removed and the tree must be cut in segments no longer than 6'.





Police Department, Chief Jennifer Paulus

The Village prohibits commercial solicitation without a permit. If you observe a solicitor without a Village issued permit—with a picture ID, please call non-emergency police dispatch at 847-438-2349. If possible, provide a description of the solicitor and last known direction of travel; officers will be dispatched to take appropriate enforcement action. (See *Village Code* Title 3, 3-4-2.)

Reminder in this season of falling leaves: Burning of landscape waste is prohibited.

Only natural firewood/commercial logs may be burned for cooking and/or recreation and must be in an approved fire pit, supervised by an adult with an available water source. (See *Village Code* Title 5, 5-1B-2.)



If you find sick, injured, or orphaned wildlife, either leave the animal where you found it or contact a wildlife rehabilitator. The Illinois Department of Natural Resources website has a list of wildlife rehabilitators: www.dnr.illinois.gov and search for *wildlife rehabilitation*. The Police Department does not have the proper permitting or resources to house or care for sick, injured or orphaned wildlife. **If the animal is acting aggressively and poses an immediate threat to public safety, the Police Department will assist** in removal of the animal or will contact the appropriate county animal control authority.



Don't invite theft: Lock your vehicles and homes.

Building Department

Fall... 'Tis the season for end of the year outdoor projects. Plan your fence fixups, gutter replacements, and other exterior and yard spruce up projects for the last temperate weather of the year. **Winter... 'Tis the season for indoor, pre-holiday remodeling projects.** Any work that involves building or removal of walls, installing new or moving electricity or plumbing requires a permit.

Permit Applications and Contractor Registration Forms are on our website here: <https://villageofislandlake.com/forms>. To schedule inspections for permit work, call 847-416-7861 at least 48 hours in advance.

QUESTION: What's the best source for official, accurate information about permit requirements?
A: Building Department; call 847-416-7861 or B: Social media or my neighbor? **ANSWER: A. Building Department.** You can also "fact check" on our website to avoid building citations and fines: www.villageofislandlake.com/ordinances/Title 8 Building Regulations 6-2024.

Plat of Survey: *The Village, Township and County* **do not have** your plat of survey. Check the paperwork from your closing or call a surveyor.

Call **JULIE** to locate and flag underground utilities for **before you dig**. Request locators here: <https://www.illinois1call.com>



Beware of contractors who promise to "come this weekend and get the work done right away" and they'll take care of the permit if you'll only sign and make a payment right away. Homeowners have been scammed by contractors who were not registered, did not obtain necessary permits and did not provide current certificates of insurance for their work.

You'll know what's below by the different flags, stakes or paint.

- Red - Electric
- Yellow - Gas, oil or petroleum
- Orange - Communications
- Blue - Potable water
- Purple - Reclaimed water, irrigation
- Green - Sewer
- White - Proposed excavation
- Pink - Temporary survey

JULIE, Inc. neither owns nor marks underground lines, however we alert our member utility companies so they can mark your property for safe digging.

What do those colored flags placed in the ground mean? *The flags are placed by utility companies to identify locations of underground lines that may be damaged by digging. Homeowners are responsible for contacting JULIE for locates before digging.*

ATTENTION Do It Yourselfers (DIY)!
Do you have the skills to tackle a building project? If not, hire a professional.

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

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Parks and Lake Commission

Find the Golden Pumpkins: Saturday, October 12, 2-3pm. Visit Channel Park to find out about the Native Buffer, Maple Ridge to see the new playground and Veterans Park to see the new kayak launch. Find the golden pumpkin at each site and get a sticker to fill your park travel pass to win a prize. Take your travel pass to the Parks Lake Commission table at **Lions Fall Fest at Converse Park (2 – 5pm)** and collect a prize.

CITO (Cash In Trash Out) Event: Saturday, November 9, 9-11am. *Geocaching is all the rage.* Come learn what it is all about, earn scout badges or just join the fun. The event sponsored by ILGCA. Come prepared to do some cleanup in Greenleaf Woods and around the Village Hall. Meet at the Village Hall.

3rd Annual Cardboard Sled Race at Converse Park: Saturday, January 25 or February 8, 1-3pm. A basic sled-making workshop will be held in the Village Hall gym at 10am. Free registration. Teams of 1-4 people will build a themed cardboard sled and race it down the sled hill. The event includes prizes for all categories, hot chocolate, treats and just a lot of fun. Information will be available on the Village website at the end of October. Thanks to Graf-Pak for donating the cardboard.



State of the Lake Presentation: Late October or Early November, sponsored by the Parks and Lake Commission. Water quality and sediment studies, aeration consultation, shoreline stabilization and lake treatment plans will be shared with the community

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.