From the Mayor's Desk

October 2026

New Chief of Police Kelly Ducak took her oath of office on September 16. Chief Ducak brings 21 years' experience in law enforcement—including work with the McHenry County Major Crimes Task Force—and has both a master's and a doctorate degree.

Thank you to Sgt. Jim Gainer who served as Acting Chief during the search.

Kayla Gray came on board May 18 in the role of chief accountant and was appointed Treasurer/Finance Director on September 24. Kayla brings 5 years' experience in local government accounting with solid understanding in all aspects of the financial process and a bachelor's degrees in finance and political science/public policy.

The 2026 Road MFT Road Project that included Newport Ct. and Auburn Dr. was completed in mid-September. The Village Board approved $90,000 in funding to **replace various sidewalks throughout the Village**; start date should be before winter.

A $750,000 grant championed by Congresswoman Jan Schakowsky will fund the majority of the project to replace the Janet Drive water main—the last of the old water mains from the former private water company.

Nearly 50 acres in Walnut Glen was donated to the Village in late 2024 by developer Blue Walnut Glen. In January 2026, the Village signed an agreement with KLM Builders for the purchase price of $1.2 million. Closing on the property is set for mid-October. The new Sterling Estates development will feature approximately 100 semi-custom homes.

Lomeli's Fresh Market grocer with coffee shop and hot food bar, Inner Spice restaurant with Mediterranean cuisine, Westridge Banquet, Island Boutique and Otro Nivel car and boat detail shop are open for business. Shop and dine locally and support our community businesses.

An aggressive 2-year series of EutroSORB treatments for detrimental phosphorus in our lake began in May of 2025 and finished in July 2026.

A shout-out to generous and dedicated community members and organizations who…

- drop off and deliver food for the Wauconda-Island Lake Food Pantry
- clean up at parks and by roadsides in their neighborhoods
- serve at dinners for our seniors
- support our holiday meals and angel giving programs
- serve at Village and community group events

April 1, 2027 Consolidated Election information is on our website: https://villageofislandlake.com/voting-information

10/10/26: Historical Society Program, Senior Center

10/17/26: Lions Fall Fest, Converse Park

10/24: Victory Garden Closing

10/24: Trunk-or-Treat

Trick-or-Treat: Sat. 10/31, 4- 8pm

11/21: Star Lighting

11/21–11/22: Craft Fair:

12/5: Spaghetti Dinner with Santa & Tree Lighting: