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From the Desk of the Village President

Daniel A. O'Reilly

The Return of FAMILY DAY, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You...

One of my promises was to bring back Family Day and you helped it happen. The twenty-two year running event started in 1976 to celebrate our nation's bi-centennial. It brought our Village together to celebrate us as a community.

With Family Day 2010 you responded with a 100-plus volunteer staff and 1000 plus in attendance making the return of Family Day an overwhelming success. You are what Family Day is about, celebrating with your family, neighbors, friends and renewing old acquaintances of former residents who have moved on.

I would like to thank our Clerk Audrey McAdams, Trustees, Cody Mares, Debbie Morelli, Jeff Walik, Scott Zeedyk and our department heads, our Treasurer, Kurt Kasnicka and all of our office employees. Our DPW, PD & FD., the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club, our two senior clubs, our two churches, school principals, both veteran's clubs, the Police Association and Firefighters Association, the many businesses & vendors who supported the event and the LaGrange Police Department who sent volunteer manpower and two Segways for better mobility. Our own Senator, "Lou Viverito" spent the afternoon visiting with our residents and enjoying the new venue. It doesn't get any better than this. Please mark your calendar for September 4, 2011 for the next Family Day. Be part of your community, volunteer and spend the rest of the day enjoying the celebration.....

Our new formatted 2010 Music in the Park was a success thanks to Trustee Cody Mares who personally sought out a mixture of music for all to enjoy. More residents of all ages came out to enjoy an evening with music. Jason Bruscato, from the Stickney-Forest View Lions Club coordinated the various organizations who provided freshly grilled food for those in attendance.

Phase III: Our Street Program was delayed due a labor strike and should be finished up by the end of the month (weather permitting).

Phase IV: This will include Scoville, 39th to 43rd along with Lorraine Terrace and the 3900 blocks of Wisconsin & Wenonah. This will be paid for with money from a DCEO Grant from the State of Illinois. I'm told the money is delayed, so we are pushing this back to June of 2011.

Phase V: With the remaining monies left from the bond, I was able to fit in all of the remaining streets in which the Village Engineer felt needed total restoration. This will include 42nd street from East to Ridgeland, 41st Street from Oak Park to East Avenue and the 4300 block of Grove. I also included the 4400 block of Grove to complete all of Grove. These should be completed this year.

Ridgeland Avenue: We are waiting for ARRA monies. Any other streets not touched should be able to be handled by grinding and resurfacing paid for with the motor fuel tax fund.

Lastly, we will suspend our sweeping/parking requirements for December, January and February.

Last year we tried to sweep year round, but there was too much confusion between sweeping and plowing. We do appreciate your cooperation with these efforts to keep our streets clean. Please adhere to the snow/removal parking requirements posted.

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From the desk of the Village Clerk

Audrey McAdams

Veterans Day Program

An armistice treaty between the Allies and Germany ending World War I (then called the "Great War") was signed on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month. The first Armistice Day was held on November 11, 1919, the one-year anniversary of this signing. It became a U.S. national holiday in 1938 and in 1954 was renamed Veterans Day to honor our veterans.

In keeping with tradition, the Village of Stickney, working in conjunction with the Stickney American



Legion Post 687 and the VFW Post 8156, will be holding our commemorative ceremony on November 11, 2010 at 10:30 a.m. You are invited to partake in this event at the Veteran's Memorial Monument located at 39th and Ridgeland. In case of rain, the event will be conducted at the American Legion hall located at 6431 Pershing Road. The American Legion is hosting refreshments at their hall after the ceremony.

2011 Elections

According to the Cook County Clerk's office, Public Act 96-1008 became law on July 6, 2010. It extends the election calendar, making the deadlines earlier. Now, petitions must be filed a number of weeks earlier, providing adequate time for ballot preparation and electoral board proceedings.

For local elections of city, township or villages and school boards, it means your

filing dates will come a few weeks earlier than before. The filing deadline for nomination papers for the February 22, 2011 Consolidated Primary Election will now be 92 days before that election, three weeks earlier than before. The filing period will run from November 15 to 22 of this year. Circulation of nomination papers can start 90 days before the deadline, or August 24, 2010. Typically, city election papers are filed for this election.

For the April 5, 2011 Consolidated Election, the new deadline is 106 days before the election, which is five weeks earlier than it was. This will affect just about all non-city offices. The filing period will run from December 13 to 20 of this year. Circulation of nomination papers can start September 21, 2010. For Aldermen, Trustees or Board Members, there is a more immediate effect of P.A. 96-1008. Resolutions or Ordinances to place referenda on the ballot must be passed by August 16, 2010. The filing for petition-based referenda is August 2, 2010.

Resolution Question on November 2, 2011 Ballot

Stickney residents will see the following question appear on the November 2, ballot:

Shall the Illinois General Assembly and Governor take immediate steps to implement meaningful public safety pension reform which will relieve the extensive burden on local taxpayers now that the General Assembly and Governor have reformed the pension systems for all other public employees?

YES NO

The Executive Board of the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus voted unanimously to encourage boards and councils throughout the Chicago area to place this question on their ballots for the upcoming election. Their intent is to educate the public about the need for pension reform. The goal is to develop a long term, comprehensive solution to the pension crisis that protects Illinois taxpayers and secures sustainable retirement benefits for public safety employees. This resolution is a message to the General Assembly to make real public safety pension reform a top priority this veto session.

The Village of Stickney, like many communities across the State of Illinois, has been experiencing an exponential increase in required contributions to fund the pension of eligible municipal employees. The actuarially determined contribution for the Village of Stickney Police Pension Fund has increased by \$69,882.00 or 15.41% from the 2008 tax levy of \$453,434.00 to the 2009 tax levy of \$523,316.00 and has increased by \$60,141.00 or 11.49% from the 2009 tax levy of \$523,316.00 to the 2010 tax levy of \$583,457.00. Exasperating this obligation is the big losses in pension fund investment portfolios and/or the loss in anticipated investment growth.

Without both immediate and long-term legislative relief from these escalating pension costs, the Village of Stickney and many other communities across the state are faced with complex choices, including budget cuts that reduce or eliminate vital services; compromise public safety service levels; defer critical infrastructure maintenance and repairs; and/or increase the burden on local taxpayers.

yourself and neighbor.

When you're burning wood, make sure it's dry. Wet wood creates great amounts of smoke that pollutes the air and can be irritating to neighbors. Dry wood releases less unburned combustible material into the air.

Safety Talk & Tips

By Beth Lukas

Fire Pit use – A fire pit is a nice comfort on cool nights. For safety sake, never place a pit closer than 10 feet from anything flammable including your house and overhead tree branches. If you use your fire pit please be mindful of the possibility that your fire may be a nuisance to your neighbors. There is an ordinance against creating a nuisance,

which would be smoke blowing into a neighbor's house from the fire pit.

It is also unlawful for any person to burn any leaves, paper, rubbish or other substances other than wood in your fire pit in the Village of Stickney. Man-made objects can release very toxic gases as they burn and can be poisonous to

Upcoming Village Holidays

Just a reminder that the Village Hall will be closed for:

Columbus Day	Monday, October 11 th
Veterans Day	Thursday, November 11 th
Thanksgiving Day	Thursday, November 25 th
Day After Thanksgiving	Friday, November 26 th

From the desk of the Chief of Police Joseph A. Kretch

Another summer has come and gone with the days getting shorter and the temperatures slowly dropping as we head into fall. We hope everybody had a safe and enjoyable summer break. This year our village officials brought back Stickney Family Day which helps mark the beginning of the school year and the end of long summer afternoons. The event was very successful without any problems and everybody had a good time. Our schools have started up again which makes it a good time to review safety while driving around school zones. Officers of the Stickney Police Department patrol school zones on a daily basis with an extra emphasis during morning drop-off and afternoon dismissal times for school safety, traffic enforcement and parking issues. Traffic and parking violations put our children in danger. The police department's goal is to ensure the safety of everybody around our schools. With this in mind we all need to be aware that as of last January 1st, it is a violation of the law to talk on a cell phone while in a school zone. Officers will be looking for such violations and take the appropriate actions. As always, it is a violation to

FEMA Disaster Assistance

The deadline to apply for disaster assistance from the recent July floods will be October 18th, 2010. For a FEMA disaster application you can register on-line at www.disasterassistance.gov or call 800-621-FEMA (3362) TTY 800-462-7585.



pass a school bus that has activated their red flashing lights and extended the STOP sign. These two laws are for the safety of everybody and will be enforced.

Halloween is right around the corner and again safety is the biggest concern. Make sure to choose a costume that is fire proof or treated with fire retardant. If they are wearing a mask of any kind, make sure that the eye holes are large enough for good peripheral vision. Know the route your kids will be taking if you aren't going with them and have them check in with you every hour, by phone or by stopping back at home. Make sure that they know not to deviate from the planned route so that you always know where they will be. Any candy collected should be checked first by an adult before eating it to ensure it has not been tampered with. The Police Department would like to remind you that the hours for trick or treat are 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. As usual the police department will have extra patrol to keep Halloween safe for everybody.

**We would like to thank
Mt. Auburn for their
support of our first
responders.**



**We would like to thank all the Businesses and Organizations who sponsored Stickney Family Day 2010...
We're proud of their commitment to making Stickney the community it is....**

Stickney Family Day Platinum Event Sponsors

Land Development Concept * Waste Management

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Alexander's Pancake House * Alpha Baking Company
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Novotny & Associates * Stickney American Legion Post #687
Stickney Firefighters Association * Stickney-Forest View Lions Club
Stickney Police Association

Stickney Family Day Sponsors

Alpha Baking Company
Bluders Tree Service * Con Global Industries
Cushing Transportation, Inc. * Faith Community Church
Hawthorne Race Course * J.C.'s Pub * Jewel -Osco
LaGrange Police Auxiliary * State Farm-Kevin Collins
Senator Louis Viverito * Stickney-Forest View Library
Stickney Golden Agers * Stickney Seniors Club
St. Pius X Step by Step Youth Group
Stickney VFW Post #8159 * Tool Store

Family Day 2010



From the Desk of the Fire Chief

Larry Meyer



Fire Prevention Week • October 2010

Smoke Alarms:
A sound you can live with



Fall is here after a hot, wet summer. Let's review some basic fall home safety items.

Do you have a fire extinguisher in your home?

Do you know where it is? Do you know how to use it? Do you even know if it works?

If not, buy a five or ten pound ABC class fire extinguisher. Mount it where it will be accessible for use and not hidden out of sight. Read the instructions for use and maintenance information. Share this info with your family.

HOWEVER, should a fire break out it is advisable to call 911 **before** you try to use your extinguisher. Get out if you have any doubt about being able to put the fire out.

Candles

Ah! The nice soft warm glow of a scented candle on a cool evening. Very romantic-maybe. You doze off to sleep. The candle melts, tips over, starts a fire. Hopefully you have changed the battery and tested your smoke detector **and** it wakes you up in time.

Candles have now become the leading cause of house fires. Don't leave burning candles unattended. Be mindful of where you burn them and what you burn them on. They can kill you.

Ever hear of a dog starting a house fire?

I can think of four fires that happened in Stickney where the family dog started the house on fire, and that's just in the past few years. By now you are asking how this could be. In each case the same scenario existed. Left-over food was on the stove top, pizza mostly or some other carry-out. While no one was home the dog tried to get the pizza by putting his front paws on the front of the stove. While pawing away the dog managed to turn on the burner. The burning pizza box and pizza generated enough heat to ignite the cabinets above and items on the counter top. Serious damage occurred, sometimes to the point of rendering the house uninhabitable. **Don't leave food on your stove top if you have a dog that can reach the burner knobs.** It's never a good idea to leave combustibles on the stove top, or in the oven.

Smoke detectors working?

Remember a while ago when one of your smoke detectors started beeping because the battery was low. It was like two in the morning, right? So you got out of your comfortable bed, mildly

annoyed by the faint beep, cursing your trusty smoke detector. You pulled the dead nine volt battery out of the smoke detector. You go back to sleep. You'll get it the morning. Sure you will. That was how long ago? Please test your smoke detectors, change the batteries when you change your clocks, and if the smoke detector is more than ten years past the date on the back, replace it.

Having working smoke detectors on all levels is the single most effective way to increase you and your family's chances of surviving a house fire. **DO IT NOW.**

Thank you.

Carbon Monoxide

You can't taste it or smell it. It can kill you by bonding to the hemoglobin so oxygen can't. At certain concentrations carbon monoxide can give you flu-like symptoms. You don't feel well, so you lay down for a while. You may not wake up. If you use natural gas for heating or cooking there is a risk that malfunctioning equipment can expose you to dangerous levels of the gas. How do you protect against carbon monoxide exposure? Two ways:

1. Have your heating equipment maintained every fall by a qualified service technician.
2. Buy carbon monoxide detectors. Install and maintain them per the manufacturer's instructions. CO detectors last about 5 years, read the directions.

If your CO detector goes into alarm dial **911** and get out.

Turkey Fryers

They make some pretty good turkey, some safety rules include:

Never use them inside a building or on a wood deck. Don't overfill the pot with oil. Keep the kids away. Have a working fire extinguisher handy; never use water on burning liquids. Read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.

"Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With!" is the official theme for Fire Prevention Week, October 3-9.

Help the fire fighters by keeping you and your family safe.

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From the desk of Trustee

Jeff Walik

I would like to start by thanking all the businesses and organizations that supported Stickney Family Day. Also each and every volunteer that made this year's Family Day a success.

This will be the second year that the Village of Stickney will be collecting donations for our "Troops in Harm's Way". Last year the residents that donated brought in 1,785 lbs of combined product. This year we would like to hit or surpass that number from last year. Watch for a flyer of recommended items. We will collect items for

the first three weeks in October and hope to deliver our collections by the end of that month. Drop off will be at any one of our Village of Stickney buildings.

Thank you in advance for you support.....

Finally, I would like to tell all residents, young and old to have a safe Halloween and Happy Thanksgiving.

Ordinance Control & Adjudication

Ordinance Control Officer Leandra Torres, www.stickneypolice.com/adjudication

The fall weather is the time for cleaning up. The alleys and garbage can areas need to be swept and all weeds pulled out. Weeds, and overflowing garbage are not acceptable. Garbage cans should be washed a couple of times a year. If you need an additional garbage can contact the Village Hall at 749-4400. Fall inspections will begin soon.

Check your bushes and trees for trimming. Clean up the accumulations in your yard and check areas around garages and alleys.

Adjudication has processed many tickets for street cleaning, vehicle tags, and expired registration plates. All tickets are due 10 days after being issued. Parking tickets not paid or having an adjudication appearance will be charged with additional fines. If you mail in a payment and it is received after the adjudication date it will have an additional amount (fine) due. For example a \$50.00 ticket will become a \$100.00 ticket. Fines can only be reduced at the discretion of the Adjudicator.

One of Ordinance's problems is vacant homes. We try to contact the owners and sometimes this procedure may take a few months.

If we can not make contact, then the village will proceed to cut the grass. The law is very clear about going onto private property. All structural complaints are handled by BLIGHT. Blight and Ordinance are two very different departments. Ordinance handles grass, weeds, trees and garbage. BLIGHT handles all structures, houses, stairs, porches and fences. To contact Blight, call the Stickney Fire Department at 708-795-6333.

School is back in session. The parents are doing a good job at crossing their children at the corner where the crossing guards are, this teaches the children to be safe.



The adjudication division can be reached Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. by calling the police department at 708-788-2131.

Public Works and Water Department

Joseph Lopez, Village Supervisor

Fall and fall leaf season will be here soon, bringing with it falling leaves. Just as a reminder, the leaf pick up program will be in place on October 1, 2010. The most important thing to remember about the program is that leaves are no longer to be placed in the street for removal.

We would like all residents to place their leaves in brown paper leaf/lawn bags, or in rigid containers not to exceed thirty five (35) gallons in capacity and weigh no more than fifty (50) pounds. You can also purchase an extra garbage can from the Village for \$75.00 to facilitate pick up.

Leaves shall be included in the weekly yard waste program, which is picked up Village wide on Mondays, year round.

Tips to reduce Yard Waste/Leaf Volume

Mow over the leaves before bagging them. This reduces the ratio of bags to leaves by seven to one.

Remember, leaves should never be placed in the street. Homeowners who place leaves in the street will be subject to a fine starting at \$50 and increasing after each occurrence.

Street sweeping requirements will be suspended for the months of December, January and February, and will resume in March.

On Thursdays street sweeping hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and include the West and North (even) sides of the streets.

On Fridays street sweeping hours are between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and include the East and South (odd) sides of the street.

For the safety of our Public Works employees, we ask that you approach a Village vehicle with caution, as the Village employees are working close by. If the street is blocked by a truck, please

choose an alternate route that avoids the Village vehicles and employees.

Upcoming Public Works Holidays:

Monday, October 11, 2010	Columbus Day
Thursday, November 11, 2010	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 25, 2010	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 26, 2010	Day After Thanksgiving

As always when a holiday falls during the week, your scheduled pick up will be a day later!

Winter is right around the corner, as well as snow removal. The signs are posted on every block reflecting the parking restrictions. Restrictions are in place on residential streets from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. The even (west and north) side of the street gets plowed on even dates, and the odd (east and south) side of the street gets plowed on odd dates.

Remember, there are restrictions on both Harlem Avenue and Pershing Road, make sure you follow the signs.

Harlem Avenue will be plowed on odd dates after snowfall has reached two inches or more. Parking tickets will be issued for any violations.

Pershing Road parking restrictions take place after six (6) inches of snow has fallen, and remain until snow has been removed. The hours for the parking restrictions on Pershing Road are 12:00 a.m. to 5:00 a.m. Parking tickets will be issued for any violation.

Snow plowing restrictions take priority over street sweeping restrictions.



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(708) 749-4400 x 107 or www.villageofstickney.com/parks_recreation

Haunted Hayride and Bonfire

Stickney Parks and Recreation will be hosting the annual Haunted Hayride and Bonfire on Saturday, October 16th from 6:30 -9:30 at Veteran's Memorial Park on 41st and Ridgeland. Come join us for this fun-filled family event.



If you would like to volunteer as an "actor or other frightening creature" or to help out with the setting up or breaking down the scenes or makeup and costumes, please call Village Hall and leave your name and phone number and someone will call you back.



Chili Cook off

We're looking into possibly having a Chili Cook-off sometime in November. Check the website for details.



Casino Bus Trip

Save the date – January 22nd will be a bus trip to Potawatomi Casino in Milwaukee Wisconsin. The bus will depart at 9:30 a.m. The cost of this trip is \$22.00 and includes \$10.00 in casino money, four hours at the casino and lunch. You must reserve your spot by January 12th. You can call Trustee Cody Mares 749-4400 if you would like to register for this trip.

