



# NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

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# SEASONS GREETINGS

## From the desk of Village President Daniel A. O'Reilly

As we begin to celebrate the joy that comes with spending time with family and friends during the Holiday Season, from me and my family and all of our village employees, we would like to wish you and your families a joyous Holiday Season. Enjoy the time you have together to reflect on the true meaning of the Holiday Season. Let's also keep our troops and their families, in your thoughts, while they are separated during this Holiday Season, away protecting our freedoms.

We were able to get Phase V of our street program completed before the weather changed. Phase IV, which we just received our first installment from the state DCEO Grant, will be bid out in the spring and will encompass Scoville, from 39<sup>th</sup> to 43<sup>rd</sup>; the 3900 blocks of Wisconsin, Wenonah and Lorraine Terrace.

We have applied for a PARC Grant from the state to reconstruct the Kiddie Park on Oak Park Avenue. This park has outlived its life cycle of almost all of the equipment. We have applied to renew our lease with the MWRD which covers our Veteran's Memorial, our Veteran's Park, Skate Park, Soccer Fields and

Baseball Fields. Our current lease expires in July of 2011. We also are looking for some interested parents to start an American Youth Soccer League for our children. The AYSO is similar to the National Little League Organization that covers our Stickney Baseball Group. Any parents or group of parents interested, please contact me ASAP. We would like to get this started in the spring.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation as we continue improving our Village and a special thank you to the many volunteers who come out and help with our various programs and events.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Please feel free to contact me or any of your officials if you have any questions or concerns. Stop in your Village Offices any time.



### Your Village Officials

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## Department of Public Works & Water Department

Winter is here and the new snow regulations will be in place. The new signs have been posted on every block reflecting the new 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.

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 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.

The Village is not responsible for rollover snow on driveways or sidewalks from snowplowing.

If you follow the steps below, you should be able to prevent your water pipes in your home from freezing:

Make sure to insulate your pipes throughout your basements, crawl spaces and attic, or anywhere else where the temperature might drop below freezing.

Seal up your wall cracks, cracks around the windows, and dryer vents. Basically you want to do everything you can to avoid cold air entering inside your home.

Disconnect and cover all hoses connected to the outside of your home.

Keep doors slightly open between your heated and unheated rooms. This will allow the temperature to flow more evenly.

If you're planning on going out of town this winter, it's a good idea to keep your home heated at no lower than 55 degrees. Also, have a neighbor check on your home, including the pipes regularly.

Leave water at a trickle if pipes are on an outside wall, moving water will not freeze.

Any questions or problems you might have, please contact the Village Hall and we will return your call as soon as possible.



To the right you will find the holiday schedule for the Public Works Department during the winter/spring months:

## Street Cleaning Snow Removal



Here are the new street signs for the street cleaning and snow removal program. The red, white and blue signs are posted in the residential area & Harlem Ave at the start of EVERY block. The red and white signs are on Pershing Rd.

## Department of Public Works & Water Department Holiday Schedule

Christmas Eve (no change in trash/recycling pick up days)	December 24 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's Day (no change in trash/recycling pick up days)	December 31 <sup>st</sup>
Martin Luther King Day (trash/recycling pick up pushed back one day)	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day (trash/recycling pick up pushed back one day)	February 21 <sup>st</sup>
Good Friday/Easter (no change in trash/recycling pick up days)	April 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Memorial Day (trash/recycling pick up pushed back one day)	May 30 <sup>th</sup>



## **Holiday Fire Safety** **By Fire Chief Larry Meyer**

### **HAPPY & SAFE HOLIDAYS**

I don't believe I can express in words what it feels like for a fire fighter to combat a difficult fire in someone's home. The worse part comes when the fire is extinguished and we walk the residents through their home to explain what happened. Seeing a family's reaction to their first look at treasured, sometimes irreplaceable possessions and home damaged by fire, smoke, water and fire fighting tactics is an experience we never forget.

With the holiday and winter season comes added fire risks. Keeping that fact in mind, we must all be aware of these risks and dangers, and take steps to minimize their impact. Here are some things to consider.

### **Maintain Your Holiday Lights**

Inspect holiday lights each year for frayed wires, bare spots, gaps in the insulation, broken or cracked sockets, and excessive kinking or wear before putting them up. Use only lighting listed by an approved testing laboratory.

### **Do not leave holiday lights on unattended!**

### **Do Not Overload Electrical Outlets**

Do not link more than three light strands, unless the directions indicate it is safe. Connect strings of lights to an extension cord before plugging the cord into the outlet. Make sure to periodically check the wires – they should not be warm to the touch.



### **Don't Block Exits**

Ensure that trees and other holiday decorations do not block an exit way. In the event of a fire, time is of the essence. A blocked entry/exit way puts you and your family at risk.

### **Never Put Wrapping Paper in the Fireplace**

Wrapping paper in the fireplace can result in a very large fire, throwing off dangerous sparks and embers that may result in a chimney fire.

### **Avoid Using Lit Candles**

If you do use lit candles, make sure they are in stable holders and place them where they cannot be easily knocked down. Never leave the house with candles burning.

### **Never Put Lit Candles on a Tree**

Do not go near a Christmas tree with an open flame – candles, lighters or matches.

### **Caring for Your "Live" Tree**

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

### **Safe Cooking Tips**

The kitchen can be one of the most hazardous rooms in the home if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors.

Never leave boiling, frying, or broiling food unattended. Stay in the kitchen! If you leave the kitchen for even a short period of time, turn off the stove.



### **Have a safe and happy holiday season from the Stickney Fire Department**

Keep anything that can catch fire – oven mitts, wooden utensils, food packaging, towels, or curtains – away from your stovetop.

Wear short, close-fitting, or tightly rolled sleeves when cooking. Loose clothing can dangle onto stove burners and can catch fire if it comes in contact with a gas flame or electric burner.

Have a "kid-free zone" of at least three feet around the stove and areas where hot food or drink is prepared or carried.

### **If You Have a Fire**

Just get out! When you leave, close the door behind you to help contain the fire.

Call 9-1-1 after you leave.

If you do try to fight the fire, be sure others are already getting out and you have a clear path to the exit.

### **TEST YOUR SMOKE AND CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS**

Please have a happy and safe holiday season and winter. Thank you.



## From the desk of Village Clerk Audrey McAdams

**Census Update:** The first data released from the 2010 Census are the official national and state population counts, which are used to apportion seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. As mandated by the U.S. Constitution, this data must be delivered to the President of the United States by the U.S. Census Bureau on or before December 31, 2010. Local census data will be available by February or March. Remember that Stickney's mail participation rate was 75%. Cook County's mail participation rate was 71%. The additional counts obtained by the door-to-door census takers were then added to the final figure.

**DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME**  
Don't forget to change your clocks forward on March 13, 2011.



## HIGH ROLLERS

Casino Bus Trips

Potawatomi Bingo & Casino Getaway  
Saturday, January 22, 2011

Contact Cody Mares (708) 749-4400 x 107 for reservations.  
*Note: If you do have a player's club card, please include your card number.*

Legal Names, addresses with zip codes and birth dates required when signing up.

**Cost** \$22 per person  
**Includes:** Deluxe transportation  
\$10 Firekeepers-Reward-Play  
Free delicious lunch buffet

**Note:** All Casinos require patrons to have a valid photo I.D. to receive specials and collect jackpots. Winnings over \$1,199 require a Social Security Card. All times are estimated and subject to change due to circumstances beyond our control. Please note that all Casinos reserve the right to modify or change customer packages without notice.

## From the desk of Trustee Deborah Morelli



**N**o one ever goes to the doctor and anticipates hearing the words "You have cancer." That has to be an incredibly sobering feeling.

told about how happy these individuals are to see an acquaintance and a friendly face at such a vulnerable time in their life.

anyone going through cancer including their family members.

This brings me to the program that I love

I have spoken about this beneficial program at our bi-monthly board meetings, informing the residents about it and making them aware of what I am so fortunate to be able to do for every man, woman and child I get to meet everyday. If there is anyone who needs assistance or direction in becoming acquainted with Loyola, the American Cancer Society, or the "Look Good Feel Better" program, please call and leave a message for me and I will promptly get back to you and help in any way I can.

I work at the Cardinal Bernadine Cancer Center located at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL. The area I work in is referred to as the "Image Renewal Center" and I am a clinical cosmetologist. I am afforded the opportunity to meet most of the newly diagnosed patients and talk to them about some of the effects their treatment may cause (such as hair loss and or skin changes). I also let them know what I have to offer during these consultations. These opportunities provide me with the pleasure of meeting many wonderful new individuals as well as many people I already know, including having worked with several residents from Stickney. Each time these encounters occur, I am

to volunteer for through the American Cancer Society - the "Look Good Feel Better" program, which is offered at Loyola Medical Center in Maywood, IL, Gotlieb Hospital, Homer Glen Hospital and soon Loyola's Wheaton facility. I participate in the program at the "Wellness House" located in Hinsdale as well; this is a wonderful support facility for

**For more information contact:  
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I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy, Healthy New Year! Thank you for your continued support and enjoy a safe holiday season.





## Village of Stickney Senior / Handicap Snow Removal Program

The Village of Stickney has compiled a list of some local companies that can provide snow shoveling/blowing to our senior and disabled residents at a fixed discounted price. After your application is complete, we will pass your name on to one of these vendors and we will contact you with their information also.

"The local companies provide snow removal services after a 2" snowfall, and have quoted the rates listed below. The snow removal services provided by these companies include front sidewalk, side walkway, and stairs, and driveways for an additional cost. Once we obtain your application, we will forward it to the participating local companies, and we will forward their name to you. If you agree to receive services from the participating

companies, you will be billed directly by that company. Many of the participating companies are willing to provide other services, including for instance, salting, at additional prices.



Restricted to any resident 65 years or older, plus any resident with a doctors verification explaining your medical condition and why you should not be shoveling snow will be eligible for this program.

### Rates:

**\$15 2" to 5" of snowfall**

**\$22 5" plus of snowfall**

### Houses with Driveway Rates:

**\$20 2" to 5" of snowfall**

**\$30 5" plus of snowfall**

Applications will be available at the Village Hall or at [www.villageofstickney.com](http://www.villageofstickney.com)

## Village Rodent Abatement Program Call (708) 749-4400

Over the summer there was an influx of rodent problems in some areas specifically where the Village streets were torn up for reconstruction. We believe that by cleaning the sewers, this may have disturbed the rodents. After reviewing what seemed to be a reoccurring problem in some areas, Trustee Walik and President O'Reilly discussed other options in addition to bi-monthly rodent inspections. At this time the Village is looking into baiting some of the alleys where we are having problems. These bait boxes will be inspected regularly by Stickney Township Environmental Health Dept. Please do not disturb these boxes and keep your dogs and children away from them.

The procedure for reporting any problems will be the same. Call the Village Hall at 749-4400 to report any rodent problems. All necessary information will be documented and will be forwarded to Stickney Township Environmental Health. They will notify the homeowner directly and make arrangements to inspect the

area and bait if necessary.

As we mentioned in the spring newsletter there are many things that you can do to avoid having a problem with rodents. It is important to clean up after your dog. Do not leave any dog or cat food outdoors. Rats are attracted to this and will travel to feed on these types of food. Keep your garbage contained at all times and not in plastic bags outside of the container. Contact Village Hall if you need a second garbage container. You can purchase one for \$75.

It is the responsibility of the home owner and business owner to ensure that you use all methods necessary to keep your property clean of any kind of debris and waste that might attract rodents. A notice of violation will be issued to residents who do not comply with this.

We will continue to monitor the situation and make every effort to control and

prevent an infestation of rodents in the Village.





## Improved 9-1-1 Service Through Training By Chief of Police Joseph Kretch

When you call 9-1-1 you expect that your call for help will be answered by a highly trained and efficient 9-1-1 telecommunicator who will be able to properly assist you with your problem. Thanks to the hard work and determination of Communications Supervisor Brent Tureson, the Stickney Police Department telecommunicators are now trained to a national standard for the first time ever. Over the last year, each of the five telecommunicators underwent training from the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials, APCO, in Public Safety Telecommunicator, I, PSTI. This course is nationally recognized as a basic training course for a 9-1-1 telecommunicator.

The course covered topics such as:

- Telephone communications techniques
- Telephony—traditional technology
- Telephony—emerging technology
- Telephony—TTY
- Telematics (services such as On Star)
- Computer aided dispatch & related technologies
- Radio communications techniques
- Radio technology
- Call classification
- National Incident Management Systems, Incident Command Systems
- Liability issues

In addition to completing the PSTI course the telecommunicators also completed a

training course in Fire Service Communications, taught by APCO.

This course covered topics such as:

- Overview of firefighting and the fire service
- Fire service apparatus, equipment and terminology
- Fire service communications systems
- Fire service call processing
- Fire service dispatch procedures
- Handling fire service incidents (comprehensive call guides for fire related, rescue related, technical rescue and search & rescue incidents)
- The National Incident Management System and Incident Command System (in-depth training meeting IS-100 and IS-700 training requirements)
- Understanding and handling HAZMAT incidents
- Understanding and handling terrorism incidents

In addition to the completion of these two courses, each of the telecommunicators completes monthly training from [www.policelegalsciences.com](http://www.policelegalsciences.com), where the

telecommunicators review real calls to 9-1-1 centers across the nation, reviewing what was done right and what could have been done better in the handling of those calls for service.

This past year, for the first time ever, a newly hired telecommunicator completed a comprehensive 13 week Communications Training Officer program. During this program the probationary telecommunicator underwent daily observation and evaluation and weekly skills testing. This

observation and skills testing was used to assist the probationary telecommunicator in improving areas that needed improvement, while reinforcing areas that were being done properly. The probationary telecommunicator also completed 8 hours of police and fire ride-along time in which she observed the field operations of both services. During the 13 week program, the probationary telecommunicator also completed the PSTI and Fire Service Communications courses.

Thanks to the hard work and continued training efforts put forward by our Communications Supervisor and the Communications staff, when you call 9-1-1 you will have your call answered by a well trained, efficient and professional telecommunicator.



Telecommunicator Samantha Briggs being sworn in by Treasurer and Deputy Village Clerk Kurt Kasnicka July 26, 2010

### First Annual Chili Cook Off November 21, 2010



Team 3 Amigos, 1st Prize

Pictured left:  
Bob & Maureen  
Prishing  
& Lance Bonin



Team Just Us Girls (JUGS), 2nd Prize

Pictured left:  
Joann Holubetz, Mary  
Hrejsa & Linda  
Bruscato

Pictured right:  
Gene Pouliot & Chris  
Jednachowski



Team Geno, 3rd Prize



## From the desk of Trustee Jeff Walik

I would like to start off by thanking all the volunteers and everyone that donated to our troops this year. Even in our tough economic times, we were able to deliver 1,200 pounds of total product to Operation Support Our Troops, Illinois.

I would like to extend a special thank you to the professionals at the Chicago Board of Trade (Corn Pit) at 141 W. Jackson, Chicago, Illinois for their very generous donation.

Once again, thank you to everyone involved!

Next year will be a busy year, watch for community events in 2011...

I would like to wish all our residents a warm and happy new year!

*Jeff Walik*  
Trustee



Items collected loaded and ready to be shipped.  
Thank you!

### 2011 Schedule of the Regular Sessions of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney.

To the right is the 2011 Schedule of the Regular Sessions of the President and the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stickney, Cook County, Illinois:

\*April 5 is the Consolidated General Election. In recognition, the Regular Meeting is being moved to Wednesday, April 6.

Meetings are called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Stickney Village Hall at the above address.

January	4th	18th
February	1st	15th
March	1st	15th
April	6th	19th
May	3rd	17th
June	7th	21st
July	5th	19th
August	2nd	16th
September	6th	20th
October	4th	18th
November	1st	15th
December	6th	20th

### Reminder

#### Village Holidays

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

All day on:

Christmas Eve	December 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Christmas	December 24 <sup>th</sup>
New Year's Day	December 31 <sup>st</sup>
Martin Luther King Day	January 17 <sup>th</sup>
President's Day	February 21 <sup>st</sup>

## Ordinance Control & Adjudication Information From the Desk of Ordinance Control Officer Torres

Construction has finally ended! The streets look very nice and are back to normal. Winter will bring snow removal. Please follow the signs posted at the beginning of each block. To avoid getting snow tickets, call the police department and ask if they are writing tickets for snow if you are not sure.

If you have accumulations on the ground in your yard, around your garage and porches this will attract rats. Wood piles must be 18 inches above the ground. All dogs' owners must have bags with them to pick up after their dog. If you are walking your dog without a bag you will receive a citation, which can carry up to a

\$ 500.00 fine. For any animal complaints contact our animal warden, Rob Negrete, at (708) 906-8415. He will help you with all your animal problems. His hours are 7:30 a.m. till 4:00 p.m.

The bus-parking area by Edison School is for buses only during school hours. If you park there, even for a moment, tickets will be issued for parking in a no parking zone. The only time cars can park there is when school is not in session, also please cross your children at the corners by the crossing guards. Please abide by these safety rules.

The ordinance for heat in apartments is 42-1. It states between October 1 and

June 1st of each year between 7:30AM and 10:30PM of each day the minimum temperatures which shall be maintained in any building, apartment or room shall be 65 degrees Fahrenheit. If you have any complaints about your apartment heat contact the Environmental Health Department located in the Stickney Township building at 708-424-9200.

Adjudication is the 4th Thursday of each month, at 2:00 PM and the Juvenile Call is at 3:00 PM. An exception would be November and December when adjudication is the 3rd Thursday due to the holidays.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



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### **Parks and Recreation Trustee Cody Mares (708) 749-4400 x 107 Thank you for decorating our Village Hall Christmas Trees**



Edison School PTA, Jennifer Gannon  
and Sandra Barrientos



Stickney-Forest View Library, Nancy  
Pajeaw, Sarah Cottonaro, Tara  
Wood



Stickney-Forest View Lions Club,  
Jackie Schullo and Tina Bruscato

### **Please support our 2010 Resident Christmas Party Sponsors Thank you for your continued support!**

Frank Novotny & Associates, Whistle Clean, Stickney V.F.W. Post 8159, Kuser & Raucci Chartered, Koppers, Crabby's Pub, Inc., A & F Sewer, Stickney Golden Age Club, He's Not Here Tavern, Steve Mazur, Stickney/Forest View Lions Club, Trustee James Lazansky, Trustee Jeffrey Walik, M & S Transport, Inc., Alexanders Restaurant, AlphaGraphics La Grange Park, Cushing Transportation, Inc., LK Fire Extinguisher Service Inc., No. 2, Office Equipment Sales, Stickney American Legion Post 687, Stickney Police Association, The Sign Edge, Stickney Laundromat, Stickney Seniors Club