

From the Desk of

## Deborah E. Morelli, Mayor

Dear Residents!

Spring is finally here along with the flowers and tree blossoms beginning to bloom sharing their beauty with us for another season. Thank you to the many families that came out with their children for our annual Easter egg hunt at Haley Park on March 19th. Thank you Pastor Chris for opening your doors after the hunt and providing warmth, sweet treats and hot chocolate at Faith Community Church. The eggs were still rolling at Mount Auburn Cemetery. Our final stop was at the Stickney-Forest View Library. Thank you to all of the folks at the library for the crafts and snacks they put together for our families. A wonderful community function of caring and sharing. Thank you to the Parks and Recreation Advisory board; Edward Dabrowski for all of the pictures you captured, Jody Nolte who kept our group well informed and on track, Trustee Fuentes, Darrio Ramirez, and Mike Salazar, for moving and hiding all the eggs. Thank you, Meagan Carpenter, for being our special guest! Also, thank you Parks and Recreation Advisory board for all the beautiful baskets that you donated to the children in town. A special thank you to our Stickney Fire Department for safely delivering our Easter Bunny to Haley Park. I know the families truly look forward to this event.

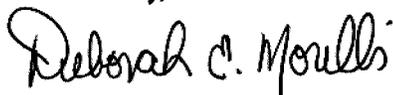
Along with the American Legion, please plan to join our Memorial Day program on Monday, May 30, 2016 at the Veteran's Memorial at 10:30am at 39th and Ridgeland (weather permitting) followed by a light lunch at our at our Recreation Center on 4131 Home Avenue. We will be honoring the soldiers that sacrificed their lives to keep us safe and enjoy our freedom.

On a different note I am thrilled to say that a new business will be coming to our village, The Blue Kangaroo laundromat at 6645 W Pershing (the former VFW Hall), the lot east of that will be a brand new parking facility. Be sure to watch as that corner starts taking shape! It's wonderful to have a new business moving into Stickney, purchasing abandoned property and building new business. Our Chicago Eye Consultants (4401 Harlem) was also an abandoned property purchased and rebuilt with a new parking lot.

Dancing right into June as the nights start to warm up so will the music! Please join us on Wednesday nights for Music in the Park from 7:00 to 9:00pm and enjoy your dinner and the live music under the stars. We will also have our cruise nights on the third Wednesday of each month.

That is all I have for now. I do look forward to seeing everyone this spring and summer. Remember if you have any questions or concerns please call 708-749-4400. I am here for you and I care!

Sincerely,

  
Deborah E. Morelli



### Your Village Officials

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**Deborah Morelli**

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**Mary Hrejsa**  
**James Lazansky**  
**Mitchell Milenkovic**  
**Sam Savopoulos**  
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## **YARD WASTE PICK UP**

Yard waste pick up started on April 4th. Pick up is every Monday village wide. This was the first year that yard waste pick up was suspended over the winter months. Pick up will be from the first Monday in April to the second Monday in December.

Yard waste must be placed in a rigid container no larger than 35 gallons, or in a paper yard waste bag. In either case, the container or bag shall not exceed fifty (50) pounds. If the container or bag weighs more than (50) pounds, it will be tagged and will not be picked up. No plastic bags will be accepted! When placing branches out for yard waste pick up, they should be no longer than four (4) feet long, tied and bundled. The bundles must weigh less than thirty (30) pounds. If you have any questions on what can or cannot be placed out for yard waste, please contact the Village Hall at 708-749-4400.

## **GARBAGE & RECYCLING PICK UP**

When putting your refuse or recycling out, please keep it neat and orderly, this makes it easier for pick up and reduces the mess in front of your house or alley. Garbage bags must be placed in your containers. This is to reduce the chance of rodent infestation. Garbage and recycling that is picked up in front of your residence should be put out after 6:00 p.m. the night before your scheduled pick up, or by 7:00 a.m. on the morning of your scheduled pick-up.

Additional recycling containers are available to purchase for \$25 and garbage cans for \$75 at the village hall. **The village is not responsible for any lost or stolen recycle or garbage cans.**



### **Items that should NOT be placed in your garbage:**

- **NO TIRES – should be recycled at a tire store**
- **NO MOTOR OIL – should be recycled at oil change stations**
- **NO FLAMMABLE LIQUIDS**
- **NO PRESSURIZED CYLINDERS**
- **NO YARD WASTE**
- **NO BATTERIES**
- **NO OIL BASED PAINTS**
- **NO TOXIC MATERIALS**

### **Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste**

#### **IEPA Household Hazardous Waste Disposal Sites**

Chicago, IL

1150 N. North Branch on Goose Island

Naperville, IL

1971 Brookdale Road

Refer to: [www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management](http://www.epa.illinois.gov/topics/waste-management),  
for additional information.

## **SPECIAL PICK UP**

Metal items such as stove, refrigerator, dish washer, dryer, washing machine and electronics such as TV's, computers, monitors, DVD or CD players do require a special pick up. If you have one of these items you need to dispose of, you can call the village hall to be put on a list for special pick up. Please do not put anything out until the evening before it is scheduled to be picked up. If you are putting out a refrigerator please make sure to take the doors off.

[www.villageofstickney.com](http://www.villageofstickney.com)

## STREET CLEANING

Street cleaning began on April 1st and runs thru November 30th. Parking restrictions are in effect on Thursdays and Fridays during this time. They are as follows:

On the **EVEN** side of the street (your address is even) you can **NOT** park on your side of the street on **THURSDAYS**.

On the **ODD** side of the street (your address is odd) you can **NOT** park on your side of the street on **FRIDAYS**.

Signs are posted on the beginning of every block in town showing what side of the street is Thursday or Friday.

On **PERSHING ROAD** you cannot park on the **SOUTH** side of the street on Friday from 5:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m. for street cleaning.

### Public Works Up-Coming 2016 Holidays

Monday, May 30	Memorial Day
Monday, July 4	Independence Day
Monday, September 5	Labor Day
Monday, October 10	Columbus Day

*\*Since these holidays fall on a Monday, all yard waste, garbage and recycling pick up will be pushed back a day.*

## ILLEGAL DUMPING IN STORM SEWERS

It is illegal for any person to dump any gasoline, benzene, or other volatile liquids into any public sewer in the village or to permit any material which might injure any part of the sanitary sewer system to flow into it. Additionally, it shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to discharge or permit to be discharged sanitary or industrial waste or pollutants of any type (as defines in 35 Ill. Admin. Code 301.101 et seq.) in any public or private storm sewer.

## RECYCLING CONTAINERS

Help keep our Village clean of flying debris and purchase a new 64 gallon covered recycling container. Split the cost with the village and pay just \$25. These containers are to be used for recycling only. The village is not responsible for lost or stolen recycling containers.

The blue recycle bins are no longer available.



From the Desk of  
**Trustee Mitch Milenkovic**

## **TREE LOTTERY**

The Village has lost a great number of trees in the past few years. Many due to diseases and others that were just very old and unsafe. Since 2012 we have re-planted approximately 70 trees with the lottery. By replacing even a portion of trees that we lost will allow our village to continue to strengthen and support our existing tree-care-program and enhance the quality of life in our village.

There will be a tree lottery this summer for village residents. If you would like to sign up, applications will be available in July at the village hall or on the village website at [www.villageofstickney.com](http://www.villageofstickney.com). The type of tree and quantity still needs to be determined and will be available with the application

Winners of the lottery will be notified in August and trees will be planted in the fall.

## **THE VILLAGE OF STICKNEY CELEBRATES ARBOR DAY!**

*“Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future” –J. Sterling Morton*

Arbor Day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting. The celebration of Arbor Day represents a priceless opportunity, an opportunity for children to take a positive action to make their world a better place and to learn about trees and the natural world.

On April 29, the village celebrated Arbor Day at Edison & Home School. Each school had a tree planted and students participated in a variety of activities. This was a great opportunity to help our youth understand the value of trees to our community.

*“We make an immense mistake when we think of trees as solely an aesthetic member of a community. They cut pollution, they cool the air, they prevent erosion, they muffle sound, and they produce oxygen. Then, after all that, they look good.”  
– Dr. Richard Leakey*

## A Note from **Police Chief John Sladetz**

Hello all, hope everyone had a great winter and a happy holiday season.

Spring is here, which means street sweeping is here too. Remember to follow along with the signs on your block on Thursdays and Fridays. We placed reminder notices on vehicles throughout the Village on Thursday, March 31st, and Friday, April 1st. Tickets were issued starting April 7th.

Officers on our Department have just finished a very rigorous course of “Active Shooter Rapid Response” training. The classes were held at the Lyons Township High school building during their spring break. The training is very intense and fast paced, as the instructors make the scenarios as realistic as possible.

The State of Illinois passed Senate Bill SB0096, which is described as a “Surface Mining Bill”. In this bill, however, is a section buried inside mandating 911 PSAP’s (E-911 dispatch centers such as ours), to consolidate with other centers by July 1st 2017, if the residential population of the Municipality is under 25,000. Not to get into too much detail, the State’s “plan” would be horribly detrimental to our Village. Representatives from our Department, including myself, have been actively attending the State 911 Advisory Board meetings in Springfield for months. We have been in contact with a Cook County Commissioner and a State Representative trying to modify items in this bill. I have had contact with literally dozens of Chiefs and representatives from other Departments who also oppose the bill.

Our Department hosted a meeting in February inviting all of those Chiefs and representatives to speak with Cook County Commissioner Stanley Moore expressing their concerns, and we had quite a turnout.

I, along with Deputy Chief Rich Jaczak, headed to Springfield on April 13th, to lobby with the Illinois Association of the Chiefs of Police, who also oppose the bill. One of the main topics will be SB0096.

The warm weather is just around the corner, so please take extra care when driving near the schools and parks, as the kiddies will be out.

Thank you all, and be safe.  
Chief John Sladetz

## **SKY LANTERNS ARE DANGEROUS & ILLEGAL**

Sky lanterns are sometimes used to celebrate a new year, a wedding, or they are launched just for the heck of it.

These dangerous devices use a small flaming object to inflate and loft a plastic or paper balloon, like a hot air balloon but on a much smaller scale. The heated air in the balloon is lighter than the surrounding air, causing the lantern to rise — assuming everything goes as planned. Often it doesn't, and the sky lantern, or fire balloon, settles to the ground, is trapped in a tree, or lands on a roof. They are known to travel up to several miles from where they were originally released. Sky Lanterns have been known to cause residential and forest fires, as well as other losses. Sky Lanterns also pose hazards to aviation and vehicular traffic. Because of these fire and safety hazards, the Office of the State Fire Marshal for the State of Illinois is issuing this notice to inform you that Sky Lanterns are now prohibited in Illinois. It is, therefore, illegal to sell or use Sky Lanterns in the State of Illinois.

Sky Lanterns fall within the scope of the OSFM's jurisdiction under the Pyrotechnic Use Act, and the Fireworks Regulation Act of Illinois. Sky Lanterns are defined as "fireworks" under the Fireworks Regulation Act of Illinois, which states, in part, as follows: "fireworks shall mean and include...the type of balloon which requires fire underneath to propel the same..." 425 ILCS 30/2(a). Office of the State Fire Marshal's (OSFM) Consumer Fireworks Review Committee voted to place Sky Lanterns on the "Prohibited Consumer Fireworks" list.

## **GRILLIN' & CHILLIN'**

Summer, time to grill! ENJOY, but please follow a few safety rules.

- Don't grill too close to a building.
  - Don't use a grill in the garage or on a wood deck.
  - Use the proper fuel and starter. We had a fire on a deck where the propane gas ran out, so the folks put charcoal in the grill. The problem is that the vent holes on the bottom of a gas grill are large enough to let the charcoal fall through. They cooked the burgers, went inside to eat, the coals got smaller as they burned and fell out onto the wood deck. Fortunately we were called quickly and no damage was done to the interior of the house. The deck was ruined.
  - Turn off the gas when done. Dispose of coals properly and only after they are out cold.
- We have seen more than one garage fire started by hot coals in the plastic trash container.

Don't hesitate to call 911.



## **U.S. GOVERNMENT DECLARES HOVERBOARDS UNSAFE**

Recently I saw two youngsters riding hoverboards down the street. Aside from being hit by a car, there are other safety issues.

"No hoverboard currently on the market can be deemed safe." That's the startling conclusion the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reached after months-long investigation into the safety hazards posed by hoverboards. CPSC sent out an official notice to retailers, manufacturers and importers with new hoverboard safety standards that, if not followed, could result in enforcement actions, including seizure of the devices as well as civil and criminal penalties. More directly, the CPSC is calling on hoverboard makers and sellers to voluntarily take hoverboards off the market until they can be certified as safe by UL, the independent testing firm widely used by U.S. electronics manufacturers. UL has not yet certified any hoverboards as safe.

While the CPSC's action doesn't constitute a recall by itself, it will almost certainly prompt recalls from major retailers and manufacturers. The notice applies to all self-balancing scooters, including single-wheel devices. If things work as the CPSC hopes, hoverboard manufacturers and retailers will follow the agency's notice and we'll begin to see safety-certified hoverboards in stores later this year. But even with the electronic safety guidelines in place, the overall danger of physical injury from hoverboard use is still a concern.

Despite dozens of reports of exploding hoverboards, the devices remain popular with consumers and were the hottest new tech toy of the holiday season. Hoverboards are never going to be entirely safe products. There is some inherent safety risk, as there is with a skateboard. The CPSC doesn't want consumers to think that if the fire hazard is resolved that the devices are safe, citing numerous reports the CPSC has received about people suffering injuries after falling off hoverboards.

Don't charge hoverboards unattended or overnight.

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From the Desk of  
**Trustee Kathleen Fuentes**

**1ST ANNUAL COAT DRIVE**

I wanted to give a quick update on the outcome of our 1st Annual Stickney Children's Coat Drive. Together, we collected 58 new or gently used children's coats this past winter. We had boxes set up in the Village Hall and the Library for collection. The coats were distributed evenly between Home Elementary and Edison Elementary and given to the kids in our village that needed them. We also collected a great amount of hats and gloves to pass along to the kids as well.

Thanks for your generous donation and I look forward to exceeding our number next winter!!!

**FIRE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE**

October 9-15 is National Fire Prevention Week. We will be hosting an open house of the Stickney Fire Department on October 15, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Stop by for a tour of the Fire Station to see the equipment up close and personal. We will have live demonstrations, souvenirs for the kids and refreshments for all – it's sure to be an exciting event! Watch for a flier from the school, the library or the outdoor sign on Pershing Road in front of the Village Hall.

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From the Desk of  
**Trustee Mary Hrejsa**

**EARTH DAY CLEAN UP SATURDAY, APRIL 30TH**

National Earth Day is celebrated April 22nd. Earth Day aims to inspire awareness of and appreciation for Earth's environment. One way to celebrate Earth Day includes acts of service in cleaning up trash, recycling, and planting trees. Let's start in our own neighborhood!

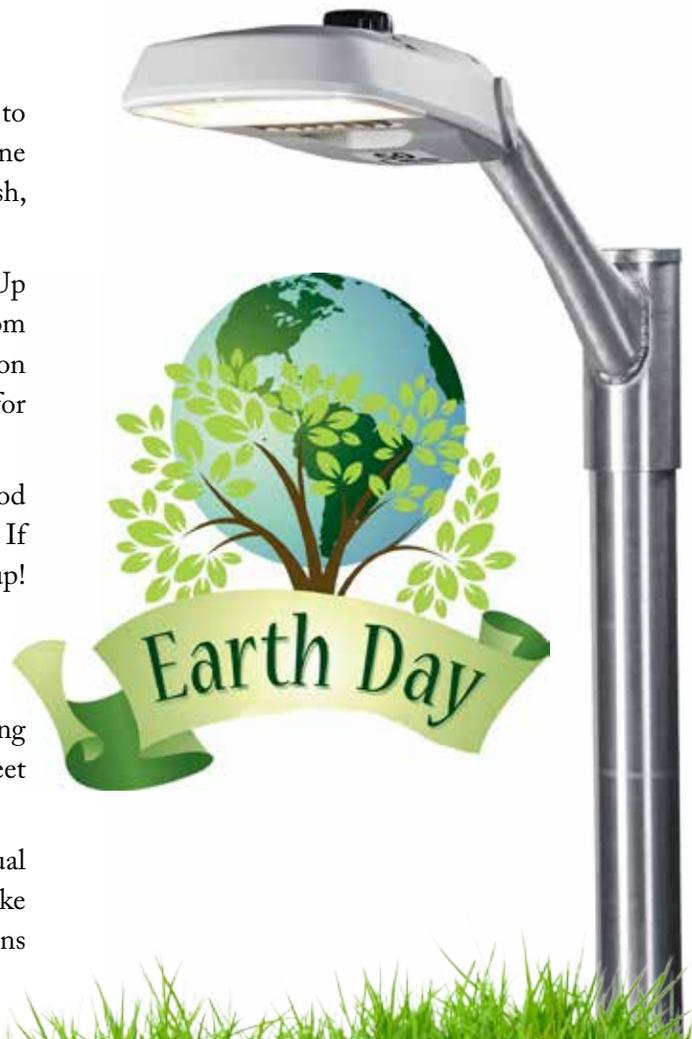
The Arbor Day celebration was followed with an Earth Day Clean Up in the parks on Saturday, April 30th, where we collected garbage from Haley and Ridgeland Park. We also cleaned up along the parkway on Oak Park Avenue. Afterwards we all gathered back at Haley Park for some light refreshments. It was a good day!

Everyday should be Earth Day! Help keep our parks and neighborhood clean. When you're using the parks, please clean up after yourself. If you see trash on the ground in the parks or while on a walk, pick it up! Every little bit helps.

**SMART-READY LED STREET LIGHTING**

The Village board has approved Smart-Ready LED Street Lighting to replace existing Commonwealth Edison ("ComEd") owned street light fixtures.

This will be done at no cost to the village yet will be an annual cost savings of \$13,532.59. Work will begin in May and will take approximately one month. This work will not cause any interruptions with your service.



From the Desk of  
**Trustee Sam Savopoulos**

**ANNUAL 50/50 SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT PROGRAM**

The Village of Stickney, in a joint effort with homeowners, annually conducts a 50/50 sidewalk replacement program. This program is based on a cooperative agreement whereby the village contributes half the cost of the project and the homeowner contributes half the cost. The goal of the program is to improve the quality of our pedestrian walkway system within the village.

Applications for the 50/50 sidewalk program will be taken thru July 29th. Funding for this program is limited and is on a first-come-first-serve basis. We will only be allowing residents to replace no more than 5 squares at a time per year. Applications are available at the village hall or on the village website.

**OVERNIGHT PARKING**

In 2014 the board passed an ordinance for no overnight parking in the village. No person other than a resident of the Village of Stickney with a current village vehicle tag can park their vehicle on any village street between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. of any day.

Exceptions are for physicians or operators of emergency vehicles on emergency calls and those persons receiving temporary exemption granted by the police department to allow for overnight guests or short term construction.

From the Desk of  
**Trustee Jim Lazansky**

I hope all our residents had a great winter and a good holiday season. We got lucky and didn't have a winter with a lot of really bad weather. I think we are paying for it now with a spring that came in like a lion and I hope it goes out like a lamb. Once our weather gets warm, it will be a good time to go outside and see what might need to get done. After the bad winter and cold, I see a few things I will need to do. It's up to all of the residents to keep up their property. Most of the residents do a great job, but I know there are some that need some work. If you have a house with an alley, please pick up around your garage. Things that blow there may not be yours but let's all pitch in and help keep the alleys clean.

I hope all of our residents have a great summer and remember to drive safely all the time, but especially when school is out and children are playing outside more. Stop signs mean STOP not rolling through like I see so many people do. Let's keep Stickney a good safe place to live.

God Bless America

From the Desk of  
**Trustee Jeff White**

I believe things in our community are on the upswing. Houses are beginning to sell. Residents are obtaining permits to do upgrades to their properties. Many houses that were foreclosed during these past bad economic times have been purchased by rehabbers and put back on the market.

This board is always looking for ways to generate revenue without putting the burden on the backs of the taxpayers. This past September, the board passed an ordinance for a municipal gasoline tax. All the surrounding communities have had this tax for many years. We were the only community without it. The gasoline prices you see at the pumps are determined by the branding powers that be, to be competitive. The gas stations themselves sell at prices that are determined by them. By instituting this motor fuel tax for the Village, we have generated roughly \$82,000 since this ordinance went into effect last September. Annually it will generate approximately \$160,000. We will continue to keep a watchful eye on spending, and promote growth for our Community any way that we can.

School will be out soon, please always be aware of our children when driving through our neighborhoods. We also placed a new stop sign at the intersection of Euclid and 40th street, making this intersection a 3-way-stop. We were being proactive with the Stickney Township North Clinic and the Day Care Center being right there. Remember the laws that pertain to cell phone usage when driving; it will keep our community safer.



## **SOMETHING TO KNOW ABOUT STORM CHASERS**

Storm chasers are companies that follow severe weather from area to area, completing home repairs that are damaged by hail and wind. These are a few of the warning signs of an unscrupulous contractor according to the Illinois Attorney General:

- Phones you or comes to your home uninvited;
- Insists that you need to make the repairs immediately or your safety will be in danger;
- Promises to negotiate the cost of the job with your insurance company;
- Pressures you to sign papers today;
- Asks you to pay for the entire job up front;
- Drives an unmarked vehicle or has out-of-state plates;
- Offers to drive you to your bank to withdraw funds to pay for the work.

By signing these documents, homeowners may be waiving the right to any decision making. You may lose control over the insurance settlement, and the entire check of the payment may legally need to be signed over to the storm chaser.

Before making a final decision, you should contact the Illinois Attorney General, Lisa Madigan and the Better Business Bureau to find out if any complaints have been filed against the contractor you are considering. You can call the Village Hall to find out if the contractor is licensed to work in the Village and if they have a permit to solicit door-to-door.

Attorney General Lisa Madigan's Consumer Fraud Hotline: 1-800-386-5438

Better Business Bureau: 1-312-832-0500 web site: [www.chicago.bbb.org](http://www.chicago.bbb.org)

Stickney Village Hall: 708-749-4400

## **PROPER STEPS FOR REPAIRS FOLLOWING STORM DAMAGE**

- The homeowner should first call their insurance company or agent and ask to file a claim.
- The insurance company sends an adjuster to assess the damage.
- The adjuster determines damage has occurred; he will issue a report listing the damage and the expected cost of recovery.
- The adjuster will then cut a check for the damage minus the depreciation of the home.
- The homeowner can choose 2 different ways to hire a contractor.  
He may bid the work to one or more contractors and accept a bid. If that bid is less than the insurance company estimate, the insurance company will pay only that amount, less deductible. If the bid is more than the insurance estimate, the homeowner can submit the higher bid to the insurance company and attempt to work out the difference.  
The homeowner can also opt to hire a trusted contractor of their choice.  
The contractor can then work out their rates with the insurance company.
- Under NO circumstances can a homeowner avoid paying their deductible.  
Any contractor that suggests otherwise to a homeowner is committing insurance fraud.
- After the project has been completed, the contractor or homeowner sends an invoice and certificate of completion to the insurance company. Insurance then cuts a check to the homeowner for the depreciated portion of the loss. In some instances, a mortgage company and/or contractor may be listed on the check as co-payees.



## KEY POINTS REGARDING THE INSURANCE CLAIM PROCESS

- The homeowner does not need a contractor to submit damage information to the insurance company. It is not necessary to hire a company “specializing” in getting insurance claims settled.
- Never let a contractor you do not know and trust climb on your roof to “inspect for hail damage.” To make it appear as if it was caused by hail, some storm chasers intentionally damage the roof when they think no one is looking.
- You cannot hide or avoid paying the deductible. This is insurance fraud.
- You can choose to work with any contractor you like.

## NO SOLICITORS ALLOWED

Our local ordinance contains the following: “It shall be unlawful for any peddler to enter upon any private premises when such premises are posted with a sign stating, “No Peddlers Allowed” or “No Solicitations Allowed,” or other words to such effect. Residents may obtain such signs from the Village Hall at no cost. This sign shall be posted on or near the main entrance of the residence. You can also add your name and address to our No Solicitations list. This list is distributed to solicitors who have obtained a solicitor permit from the village office. This list tells them that you are on the No Solicitations list and they cannot go to your door.

The only way that someone can legally engage in business as a canvasser or solicitor calling at residences for the purpose of soliciting orders, sales, subscriptions, or business of any kind, is to obtain a permit from the village hall. Each person that will solicit or canvass shall complete a separate application, and each registrant shall pay a fee of \$250.00. A security in the amount of \$1,000.00 in the form of a surety bond must be obtained. There is a waiver of the fee for charitable organizations registered with the State of Illinois. But, they still require a permit from the village.

Please call the police if you are concerned about someone soliciting at your home. The police are updated if someone has been granted a permit to solicit. If they are not registered, the police will ticket them.

# MUSIC IN THE PARK 2016

**STICKNEY PAVILION 41ST & RIDGELAND - 7:00 PM TO 9:00 PM**



DATE	NAME OF BAND	TYPE OF MUSIC	ORGANIZATION	COOKING
June 8	Cave Dwellers	Country Rock/Johnny Cash	Friends of the Library	
June 15	Jerry Armstrong Blast to the Past	1950's to 1980's	Stickney Police Association	
June 22	Acousticles	Soft Rock	Friends of the Library	Cruise Night
June 29	Parkside	Motown, Rock	Mount Auburn Cemetery	
July 6	Eddie Korosa Jr.	Polka	Stickney Wolfpack	
July 13	Bill Smrha	Polka	Stickney-Forest View Little League	
July 20	The DuPage Band	70's, 80's, 90's	Stickney-Forest View Lions Club	Cruise Night
July 27	Corporate Rock	Journey, Styx	Stickney Fire Association	
Aug 3	Caliente	Rhythm & Blues, Santana	Stickney-Forest View Lions Club	
Aug 10	Eddie Korosa Jr.	Polka	Stickney Police Association	
Aug 17	Cadillac Casanovas	Rockabilly	Step by Step, St. Pius Youth Group	Cruise Night
Aug 24	The Harry Stevens Band	Solid Gold Hits	Stickney Fire Association	

**Organizations will be selling food at a nominal charge. Please support their efforts & the sponsors of this event.**

THANK YOU! Frank Novotny & Associates Bell Fuels Robert R. Andreas Lou Viverito, Stickney Township Supervisor  
Ed Bartunek Chicago Office Products Edward Dabrowski Del Galdo Law Group Stickney Police Association Stickney-Forest View Lions Club

## Arturo Terrazas

### SPRING CLEANING

Spring is here, it's time to take down the holiday decorations! Spring ordinance inspections for upkeep and maintenance of your property have begun. This includes maintaining your lawn, keeping weeds and overgrown vegetation cut in your front and back yard and also behind and around your garage. Accumulation of junk, debris or litter on private or public property is not allowed. If you're storing wood, please keep it off the ground a minimum of 6" to prevent rodent problems.

### EXCESS GARBAGE & RECYCLING

Overflowing garbage will result in a fine. If one garbage can is not enough to handle your weekly garbage then you will need to purchase a second container. The cost is \$75 and you can purchase one at the Village Hall. If you have a recycle bin and it is overflowing then we recommend that you purchase one of the newer recycle cans for \$25 that will hold more recycling and has a cover to prevent recycling from blowing all over. Overflowing recycling is considered littering and is a nuisance and ordinance violation.

### YARD WASTE

Yard waste pick up resumed April 1st. If you do your yard work on Friday or Saturday or even during the week, you cannot put out your yard waste until Sunday evening. Pick up for yard waste is on Monday village wide. It's a nuisance leaving yard waste out for days to be picked up. Yard waste should NOT be put out any earlier than Sunday evening after 5:00 p.m. or Monday morning by 7:00 a.m. Tickets will be issued to anyone who does.

### ATTENTION

If you live in town and own a landscape business, be advised that you are not allowed to put out landscape yard waste for the village to pick up. We are paying close attention and if you are doing this, a citation and maximum \$500 fine will be issued along with a court date.

### GRAFFITI

Graffiti should be reported to the Police Department as soon as possible, however homeowners, business owners, management companies of properties are responsible for removing the graffiti. Graffiti should be removed within fifteen (15) days from the date it occurred.

### CONSTRUCTION PERMITS & REMOVAL OF CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS

If you are planning on remodeling the interior or exterior of your home or business make sure you apply for proper permits. Construction material or waste should be disposed of properly and should NOT be put out for Public Works to take. It is the responsibility of the contractor or homeowner to have any construction materials removed. Any construction materials that are put out for Public Works to pick up will result in a ticket and fine. Any properties under construction of any kind are responsible for maintaining area and kept completely clean of garbage and debris at all times. If you fail to do so you will be issued a ticket and daily fines along with an adjudication court date.

### ATTENTION DOG OWNERS

There has definitely been an increase in the dog population in the Village. We are receiving many complaints on dog owners who are not picking up after their dogs on private and public property. As a dog owner it is your responsibility to clean up after your pet. Dog waste can attract unwanted visitors such as mice, rats and insects. Dog waste can also contain a large number of bacteria that can potentially cause illness in humans and parasite transmission to other pets.

If you're walking your dog, you must pick up after it immediately on the spot. You should be carrying at least 2-3 dog waste bags. If you're caught airing your dog and not picking up after it, a fine will be given immediately.

Your dog must be on a leash at all times even if your pet is well behaved or trained. All cats and dogs must be registered in town and should have current vaccinations. Current village and vaccination tags must be visible at all times.

Dog Park hours: Sunrise to sunset unless closed for maintenance or severe weather.

### PARKING RESTRICTIONS

No parking on soft surfaces is allowed, in your yard, on the grass or dirt on public or private property.

**ALL ORDINANCE VIOLATIONS ARE SUBJECT TO A FINE UP TO \$500.**



# BLIGHT DEPARTMENT

The purpose of the property maintenance inspection program is to prevent minor structural and maintenance problems from becoming major and costly issues. For example, if a soffit on a garage needs painting now and it doesn't get painted, will the wood have rotted and need to be replaced next year or the year after? A problem that only required a \$20 can of paint now requires the soffit to be replaced, a more involved and costly repair.

Generally blight inspections start around April 1st. Most people probably would do the work without getting a notice, but there are always those that don't. Who wants to spend time and money taking care of their property only to sit in the yard and look at the neighbor's mess?

The codes we follow come from: International Property Maintenance code—2009 Edition. Also, the 2009 International Residential Codes as well the Village of Stickney Municipal Codes.

If you get a notice, you need to complete the work within the allotted time period, or request an extension in writing only, within 5 days of receiving of your notice.

For an extension, you need to submit a request in writing (typed or printed legibly) and include the date you are submitting your request, your name, address, and daytime phone number, the address the violation was written against, how much time in days you need; for example: (I need 30-day extension to complete work or, I will have all the work completed on or before a specific date.) And finally, give a short explanation of why you are requesting an extension. No extensions will be granted over the phone. Your written request for an extension will be kept on file as proof that you in fact did request an extension.

If the violations have not been corrected and you have not requested an extension, you will be given an S.L.O. (Stickney Local Ordinance violation), and you must appear at the adjudication hearing. Failure to appear may result in a fine up \$500. You will have to appear even if the work has been completed by the hearing date. A hearing will be held before the Village Adjudication Officer. The Adjudication Officer has the authority to levy fines of up to \$500.00 per day until the violations have been corrected.

If you have a complaint about a neighboring property call the Village Hall and register a complaint. We will need to know what the problem is, where the problem is, your name and address and whether or not you give permission to the blight inspector to go on your property to investigate the problem. When the blight inspector investigates a complaint he also inspects neighboring properties and writes any violations found.

When a complaint is received, a form is generated and sent through a chain of command. The complaint is investigated and verification is made that it has been satisfied. This process can involve several different Departments. For a complaint to be corrected or carried all the way through the adjudication process may take several months. So just because you don't see immediate results doesn't mean we haven't taken action on your complaint.

The Blight Department is always willing to answer your questions and address your concerns. Please call the Village Hall and if they can't help you they will contact the blight inspector. A return call usually takes a couple days. We are here to help you resolve your violations and/or complaints.

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## A Community that Cares!

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### VILLAGE HOLIDAYS

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

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Memorial Day	Monday, May 30th
Independence Day	Monday, July 4th
Labor Day	Monday, September 5th
Columbus Day	Monday, October 10th

From the Desk of Treasurer

**Kurt Kasnicka**

### VEHICLE STICKERS & PET TAGS

Applications for vehicle stickers will be sent out at the end of May. They will go on sale June 1, 2016. Vehicle stickers must be displayed by July 1st. Late fees are an additional \$20.00 per vehicle. New vehicles will require both your driver's license and Illinois Secretary of State vehicle registration showing your Stickney address. Misplaced applications will require your driver's license.

Your pet must have a current rabies vaccine number and expiration date in order to obtain a pet license. Late fees are an additional \$5.00 per pet.

You may use our drop box or mail in your application and fees with a stamped self-addressed envelope. Any incomplete applications or fees will be returned.

Please allow enough time for us to mail your vehicle stickers and pet tags back to you. The Village will have additional hours on Saturday, June 25th from 8:00 a.m. to noon and Thursday, June 30th to 6:00 p.m.

