The Stickney Times

FALL / WINTER 2026



From the Desk of,

Mayor Mitch Milenkovic

It has been an honor serving as your mayor. I truly appreciate all the support and positive wishes I have received. At this time, I feel that I must inform you about some challenges our village will face in the near future. Hawthorne Racecourse was recently sold. It is a massive property that holds huge potential. It has been in its current location since 1891. The Village of Stickney was incorporated in 1913. Kopper's chemical plant is closing its doors in the near future. It has been located in Stickney since 1922. Kopper's will cease production at the end of this year and close completely mid-2027. The village's real estate tax income is dramatically affected when properties sit idle. Also, these two properties have historically been our top water customers. As a result, our water sale income will be substantially lower until these two properties are redeveloped. Our Village Board and Department Heads continue to tighten their belts. We are fortunate to have a very capable and forward-thinking Village Board and Department Heads.

On the plus side, the vacant Motion Industries property at Pershing Rd. and Cicero ave was recently purchased. I have met with the new owner, and he has shared his terrific redevelopment ideas for the property with me. Wishing his crew great success!

In summary I feel we have a great team leading our village. I will always do my best for the residents of this village. Let's all work together to keep Stickney "A Good and Safe Place To Live"

Happy and safe holidays to all!

Mayor Mitch Milenkovic

Wishing you and your family a happy, healthy, and hearty Thanksgiving.

Your Village Officials

Mayor
Mitch Milenkovic

Clerk
Candace Cetrangolo

Trustees
Jim Hrejsa
Tim Kapolnek
Brian Klouda
Debra Johnson
Ron Smith
Lea Torres

Fire Chief
Jeff Boyajian

Chief of Police
Jerry Chlada, Jr.

Director of Public Works
Sam Alonzo, Jr.

Village Finance Director
Michael Ochsner, Jr.

Editorial Board
Tim Kapolnek
Candace Cetrangolo
Beth Lukas



Your Village Board

from left to right

Trustee Debra Johnson, Trustee Ron Smith, Village Clerk, Candace Cetrangolo, Trustee Brian Klouda, Village Mayor, Mitch Milenkovic, Trustee Tim Kapolnek, Trustee Lea Torres, Trustee Jim Hrejsa

Village Board Meetings are on the First and Third Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm.



From the Desk of Police Chief,
JERRY CHLADA JR.

Fall Reminders from the Stickney Police Department

Overnight Parking Rules

- Overnight parking (2 AM – 6 AM) is restricted to residents only.
- Guest vehicles must be registered via the Frontline Public Safety Solutions portal via the Village website.
- Parking permission is limited to 3 consecutive nights and 10 nights per month.
- Need more guest passes or no internet access? Call the Stickney Police Department at 708-788-2131.

Stay Connected & Report Concerns

- Tip411: Submit anonymous tips or non-urgent concerns via the Village website or the Tip411 app.

  Important: In-progress incidents should always be reported to 911.

- **Code Red Alerts**: Get important police and Village notifications by signing up through the Village website (click the Code Red icon).

Neighborhood Safety – "See Something, Say Something"

We rely on our residents to help us keep Stickney safe. If you notice anything suspicious, don't hesitate to report it:

- Call 911 for emergencies
- Non-emergencies: Contact the Stickney Police Department at 708-788-2131

No concern is too small, thank you for helping us protect and serve our community!

When seconds count, you can count on

SIGN UP!

VILLAGE OF STICKNEY POLICE DEPT.

Code RED®

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CodeRED is a FREE emergency notification service provided to all residents and businesses within Stickney that will notify you of emergency information through **phone calls, text messages and emails**. The system will be used to keep you informed of local events that may immediately impact your safety. As a local resident or business the Village of Stickney encourages you to take action and register your phone(s) and email accounts for this service and verify your home or business location during the enrollment process so we may target notifications that directly impact your home or business.

- Parking Restriction Reminders
- Emergency Preparedness
- Emergency Evacuation Notices
- Event Notices
- Public Health Crisis
- Criminal Activity

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Visit www.villageofstickney.com and click the CodeRED icon at the bottom left of the page

facebook.com/stickneypolicedepartment



From the Desk of Fire Chief,

JEFFREY BOYAJIAN

Preparing for the Fall and Winter Seasons

As we transition into the fall and winter seasons, I want to take a moment to remind everyone that this time of year brings unique challenges and increased safety concerns for our community.

At the Stickney Fire Department, we are prepared to respond to the emergencies that come with the changing seasons. Our firefighters and EMTs continue to train, maintain our equipment, and work to ensure that we are ready to serve the residents of Stickney 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

As temperatures begin to drop, I encourage everyone to take a few minutes to prepare their homes and families for the colder months. Please make sure your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors are working properly, heating equipment is inspected and maintained, and fireplaces, chimneys, and space heaters are used safely. Never use an oven or stove to heat your home and remember to keep anything that can burn a safe distance from heating equipment.

Power Strip and Electrical Safety

As we spend more time indoors and begin using additional lights, decorations, electronics, and heating equipment, it is important to remember that **power strips and extension cords can become a fire hazard when they are overloaded or used improperly.**

Please keep these safety tips in mind:

- **Do not overload power strips.** Plugging too many devices into one power strip can cause it to overheat and potentially start a fire.
- **Never plug a power strip into another power strip** or use multiple power strips together to provide additional outlets.
- **Space heaters should be plugged directly into a wall outlet** and should not be connected to a power strip or extension cord.
- Use power strips that are **listed and approved by a recognized testing laboratory**, such as UL.
- Inspect power strips and cords regularly. **Do not use them if they are cracked, damaged, frayed, hot to the touch, or show signs of melting or discoloration.**
- Make sure cords are not placed under rugs, carpets, furniture, or across walkways where they can become damaged or create a tripping hazard.
- **Do not use extension cords as a permanent replacement for additional electrical outlets.**
- When using holiday lights and decorations, follow the manufacturer's instructions and make sure the lights are rated for their intended indoor or outdoor use.
- If a power strip or electrical cord feels unusually warm, **unplug it immediately and discontinue use.**

Remember, a power strip is designed to provide additional outlets—it does **not** increase the amount of electricity a circuit can safely handle.

Fall and winter also bring shorter days, slippery roadways, snow and ice, and reduced visibility. Please use extra caution while driving and walking, especially around emergency scenes. If you see emergency vehicles responding with lights and sirens, safely pull over and give our firefighters and EMS personnel the room they need to get to those who may be in need.

Our department is proud to serve the residents of Stickney, and we remain committed to protecting our community through emergency response, fire prevention, public education, and continued training.

On behalf of the men and women of the Stickney Fire Department, I wish everyone a safe, healthy, and enjoyable fall and winter season.

Stay safe, Stickney!

Jeffrey G. Boyajian
Fire Chief
Stickney Fire Department



From the Desk of Public Works Director,

SAM ALONZO

SEASONAL COMMUNITY REMINDERS:

Street Sweeping, Leaf Pickup, Snow Removal, and Winter Preparation

Leaf Collection Program

Leaf collection will take place from the last week of October through the first week of December, on Mondays and Tuesdays only.

Please be advised that if snowfall occurs at any time during the collection period, the leaf collection program will end for the season. At that point, our trucks will be needed for snow plowing and salting operations and will not be able to return to leaf collection.

Once the leaf collection program has ended, residents will be responsible for disposing of any remaining leaves. Leaves may be bagged and placed out for yard waste collection through November 30.

Leaf Collection Guidelines

Please follow the guidelines below to help ensure safe and efficient collection:

- Placement: Rake leaves to the curb along the parkway. Do not rake or place leaves into the street.
- Accepted Materials: The leaf collection program is for leaves only. Please do not include plants, branches, grass clippings, pet waste, or other yard debris.
- Street Sweeping: Please follow all posted street sweeping signs on your block and keep leaves clear of areas designated for street sweeping.

Thank you for your cooperation in helping us provide a safe and efficient leaf collection service.

Street Sweeping

Please follow all posted street sweeping signs at the beginning and end of your block

- Monday: North and West sides of the street (even-numbered addresses)
- Tuesday: South and East sides of the street (odd -numbered addresses)

Parking Restrictions: On your designated pickup day, vehicles must not be parked in front of your residence from 8:00 AM until leaf collection is complete. **Violators will be ticketed and towed. (14-148 Parking during street cleaning)**

Please note: Waste Management yard waste pickup ends on November 30. Leaf burning is strictly prohibited within the Village.

Snow Removal Guidelines

Snow removal procedures will be enacted when snowfall exceeds 2 inches. Please observe the following regulations:

- Parking: Obey all posted snow parking restriction signs on the beginning and end of your block.
- **No Parking Even Days means if your address is an even address you cannot park on that side on even days of the month**
- **No Parking Odd Days means if your address is an odd address you cannot park on that side on odd days of the month.**
- **Vehicles that are in violation of parking restrictions for snow removal will be ticked and towed *(14-147 Parking after snowfalls)***
- Snow Removal Hours: 8:00 AM – 11:00 PM
- Alley Plowing: Alleys will be plowed when snowfall exceeds 6 inches.

Important Reminders:

- The Village is not responsible for snow pushed onto driveways, sidewalks, or aprons during plowing.
- Do not shovel or blow snow back into the street.
- When snowfall measures 2 inches or more, the snow removal regulations supersede the street sweeping regulations

Stay safe and help us keep the Village clean and winter-ready! Thank you for your cooperation.

Winter 2026-2027

Village Hall and Public Works Will Be Closed for the Following Holidays

Thursday, November 26, 2026 ..... THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, November 27, 2026 ..... DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING

Thursday, December 24, 2026 ..... CHRISTMAS EVE

Friday, December 25, 2026 ..... CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, January 1, 2027 ..... NEW YEAR'S DAY

Waste Management Observed Holidays

Your garbage and recycling collection will be delayed one day during the week of the scheduled holiday.

Thursday, November 26, 2026 ..... THANKSGIVING DAY

Friday, December 25, 2026 ..... CHRISTMAS DAY

Friday, January 1, 2027 ..... NEW YEAR'S DAY





Save the Date

Saturday, December 5th

Pet Photos with Santa

1:00p.m. - 3:00p.m.

Public Works Garage

6419 43rd St.

(next to the Fire Department)



Saturday, December 12th

Senior Christmas Luncheon, 11:00am – 1:00pm - St Pius X Parish Church

Children's Christmas party, 2:00pm - 4:00pm - St Pius X Parish Church

4300 Oak Park Avenue

These events are for Stickney residents only. Registration will be required.

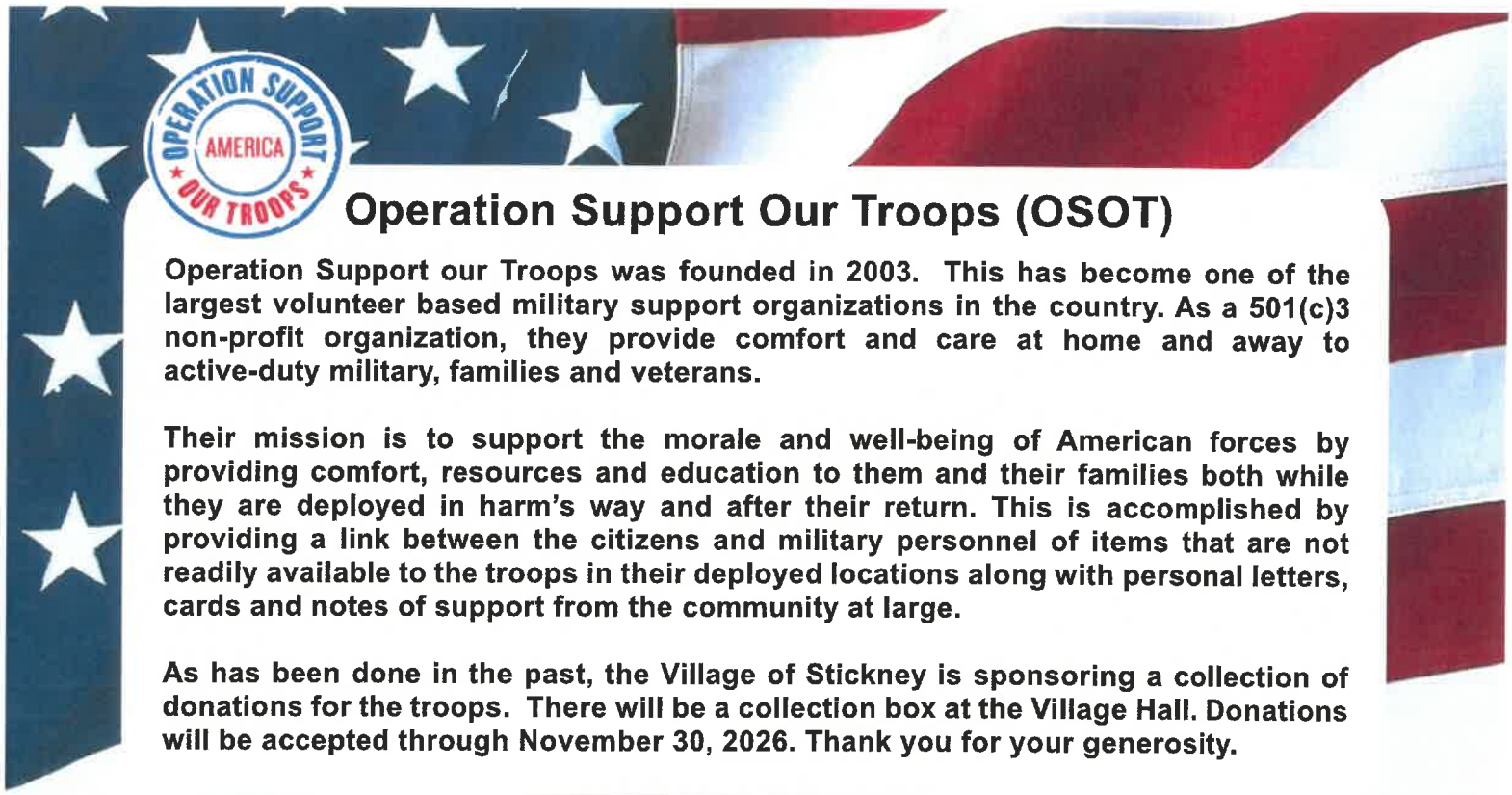
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Operation Support Our Troops (OSOT)

Operation Support our Troops was founded in 2003. This has become one of the largest volunteer based military support organizations in the country. As a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, they provide comfort and care at home and away to active-duty military, families and veterans.

Their mission is to support the morale and well-being of American forces by providing comfort, resources and education to them and their families both while they are deployed in harm's way and after their return. This is accomplished by providing a link between the citizens and military personnel of items that are not readily available to the troops in their deployed locations along with personal letters, cards and notes of support from the community at large.

As has been done in the past, the Village of Stickney is sponsoring a collection of donations for the troops. There will be a collection box at the Village Hall. Donations will be accepted through November 30, 2026. Thank you for your generosity.