



**FALL /
WINTER
2024**



**From the Desk of,
MAYOR JEFF WALIK**
Hello and Welcome to Fall 2024

The Village of Stickney has a lot of great new features, and I would like to point out just a few.

Our parks are the best and cleanest they have ever been in years and that's with the exceptional work of our Public Works Department and you the residents helping keep them clean. We have some new park equipment and a small fenced in walking path on Ridgeland at 41st Street so your children can play while you walk or roller blade.

All the parks have updated LED lighting and cameras for your safety and to observe any unwanted characters within our parks.

Speaking of cameras, we have installed several new cameras observing car and pedestrian traffic within our town. We just added brand new state of the art LED lighting and cameras at our Water Department Pump Station again to watch the safety of our water system.

Oak Park Avenue has been resurfaced along with some new carriage walks, sidewalks, curbs where needed and handicap stop plates. The last time Oak Park Avenue was resurfaced was approximately twenty years ago. This project was completed with Grant Funding. Your mayor requested money from the Pace Bus Company for all the busses that travel on this road, but they refused. Several attempts were made, and requests were turned down. (Thank you)

Our amazing Fire Department will be driving a new Quint Firetruck just after the first of the year. A Quint Firetruck features five main tools. It combines the capabilities of a ladder truck and pumper engine. This will replace the already taken out of service twenty-five-year-old fire truck. Our team is fully staffed and always working hard for our village residents.

Our Outstanding Police Department has been working hard and keeping our streets safe. The yearly report from our Chief of Police shows that crime went down approximately 12% in the past two years.

Thanks again to our Public Works Department for keeping our streets and alleys clean.

Hope you all have a safe and wonderful holiday season

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Village Officials**

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From the Desk of Trustee,
MITCH MILENKOVIC



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, 2024. Thank you for your generosity.

FOOD ITEMS

- Individual packets of protein powder
- Individual packets of Carnation Instant Breakfast
- Protein Bars
- Energy Chews
- Individual packets of hot sauce, mayo and pickle relish
- Individually wrapped sandwich crackers
- Peanut butter (16 oz or less-no glass, peanut butter packets of Jif to Go 1.5 oz cups)
- Individual hot drinks: Coffee singles (no K-cups)
- Ramen Noodles in a cup (2.25 oz)
- Pancake On the Go, Muffin On The Go (individual serving 2.11 oz cup)
- Macaroni and Cheese Microwavable Cup (individual serving 2.05 oz)
- Pouched Chicken or Tuna (2.5 oz./Individual serving)
- Individual Oatmeal packets
- Gum and Mints
- Dehydrated, baked or freeze-dried fruit
- Pop-Tarts

NON-FOOD ITEMS

- Anti-itch cream
- Laundry Pods (fragrance free)
- Eye drops
- Men's 3-in-1 shampoo, conditioner, body wash (16 oz or less)
- Men's shaving cream/gel (non-aerosol only)
- Foot Powder
- Body Powder
- Antacids
- Women's shaving cream (non-aerosol only)
- Mouthwash (alcohol free only) 17 oz or smaller
- Multi Vitamins
- Vitamin C Drops
- Nasal Spray (no glass)
- Gallon zipper bags
- Women's Athletic Socks
- Men's unscented deodorant
- Women's shampoo
- Women's razors
- Women's unscented deodorant



From the Desk of Trustee,
TIM KAPOLNEK

Well Fall is upon us already, leaves will be changing color to reds, yellows and oranges, and also falling. The Village of Stickney Public Works Dept. comes out once a week on your side of the street same as street cleaning to pick up the leaves once they start to fall. Please no sticks or garbage mixed in with the leaves. Most important is to “NOT” pile your leaves in the street. Pile your leaves on your parkway lawn right above the curb. Leaves that are piled up in the street prevent water drainage and clog the sewers in case of rainstorms. Thank you for your cooperation.

Following Fall is old man Winter. No one knows what kind of winter we will have this year, mild like the last couple or cold and snowy. In case of snow, please familiarize yourself with the signs on your block that tell you what side of the street will be plowed on any given day so that Public Works can clean our streets. Thank you.

The Village of Stickney has installed speed humps in four spots in an effort to control speeding cars throughout the village. The humps are at the 4000 block of Grove Ave., 4100 block of East Ave., and the 4300 blocks of Clinton and Home Ave. These speed humps were placed at areas where a lot of speeding has been noticed. Two of these have been placed near the schools where there are children and families walking to and from school. A lot of these speeders are not from Stickney and are just cutting through our town to avoid traffic on Harlem Ave. and we want to keep our children safe. If you have not seen these humps, please be aware when driving in the afore mentioned streets so you do not damage your car by hitting the hump too fast.

Enjoy the fall weather and Happy Holidays.

HAPPY
Thanks
giving





From the Desk of Trustee,
LEA TORRES

I hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer. I want to talk about September having been Hispanic Heritage Month.

I have been reading interesting articles about my people. The Village of Stickney is approximately 70% Hispanic, a far change from when my family moved into the Village of Stickney in 1969. We were one of three Mexican families who lived here.

The Village has much more diversity now. What a melting pot we have become.

Researchers say Mexicans make up more than 50% of construction laborers, 44% of its cooks, 39% of its janitors and more than 71% of the city's landscapers. The number of doctors, teachers, police officers and professionals in all fields has risen significantly also. I am a third generation American, my mom was born in Mason City, Iowa, and my dad in Chicago.

I am so proud of all the progress I have seen in so many nationalities, I love my community and am so proud of all the changes made over the last fifty plus years.

An important way to be informed is to join our CODE RED. You get info on all events, water main breaks, emergency info you need to know. Please sign up at the Police Department.

Finally, all our Village Employees work hard to keep our Village safe and clean. Please take the time to say thank you for all they do.



From the Desk of Trustee,
JIM HREJKA

Greetings Stickney residents,

Another summer filled with great events has come and gone. I hope we provided you with great memories.

Mayor Walik has always provided a really special lineup of fun-filled events, and he is always determined to make each year better than the one before. Well done and thank you Mr. Mayor!

Again, this year we have had the help of a wonderful variety of volunteers to support Cinco de Mayo, Family Day, Haunted Hayride and more.

A big thank you to all of you!

Village staff and departments can plan these events, but the volunteers and the residents attending are the spark that makes them truly great.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Linda in the office and she will get your info to me. We always welcome more help.

Christmas parties and Pet pictures with Santa are on the calendar for December. I hope to see you there.

More exciting news from Parks and Recreation. The Village Board has approved an agreement to start the next phase of our future Community Center. It is going to be a year-round space for recreation, athletics, and fun. Basketball court, meeting/classrooms, storage, kitchen and more. It will be just one more reason that Stickney is a wonderful place for you to raise your family.

I wish you Happy Holidays, and as winter sets in, please be safe, stay warm, and let's watch out for our neighbors.



From the Desk of Police Chief,
JAMES SASSETTI

Happy Fall! As we transition into the fall season, we want to remind everyone about the Village-wide parking restrictions that are currently in place. The street cleaning restrictions will continue until **November 1st**, and the police department will be actively ticketing and towing any vehicles parked in violation of these rules. Please continue to follow the posted signs on your block to avoid any penalties. After November 1st, and until the first snowfall, the **Stickney Department of Public Works** will focus on the leaf removal program. Please remember that it is against Village ordinance to blow your

leaves into the street. Leaves should be left on the parkway (not the street), and public works will do their best to remove them. Violating this ordinance by blowing leaves into the street will result in a citation. Once the leaf program ends and snow begins to accumulate more than **two inches**, the snow removal program will come into effect. Please follow the snow removal signs posted on your block to avoid any violations. By following these restrictions, we can work together to keep our streets safe and clear. If you have any questions regarding the parking restrictions, please feel free to call the Stickney Police Department at 708-788-2131 ext. 9.

As we enter the holiday season and you have family and guests staying at your residence, you are required to register their vehicle using the Frontline Public Safety Solutions overnight parking portal if they intend on parking on Village streets overnight. Additionally, If you intend on going out of town, you can register for a home watch by the Stickney Police Department through the vacation watch portal. Go to www.villageofstickney.com and click on the Frontline icon and register their vehicle for overnight parking permission. **OVERNIGHT PARKING** is restricted to residents only from 2am thru 6am on all Village streets. Parking permission is limited to 3 consecutive days and 10 total days per month. If you need more nights than this, please call the police department at 708-788-2131 to see if additional overnight parking can be authorized.

Remember to stay up to date on critical and informative police and Village alerts by signing up for **Code Red**. Code Red is a free notification software tool that the Village utilizes to inform residents of important information. Sign up by going to the Code Red icon on the Village of Stickney's website homepage at: www.villageofstickney.com. See back page for details.

We hope you have an enjoyable fall and winter and remind you to follow the Stickney Police Department on Facebook for the latest information as it relates to community occurrences. As always, please call **911** in all emergency situations or contact us at **708-788-2131** if we can assist in non-emergency situations.

Finally, we encourage you to err on the side of caution and report all suspicious activities.....” **See something say something**”! No law enforcement agency can function effectively without the concerned assistance of responsible citizens. We are depending on you to call and tell us whenever you observe suspicious persons or actions. Always be aware of your surroundings!



From the Desk of Director of Public Works,
JOE LOPEZ

HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE NO PARKING STREET CLEANING and NO PARKING SNOW REMOVAL SIGNS ON YOUR BLOCK

NO PARKING

STREET CLEANING

**MONDAY
8AM - 5PM
SNOW REMOVAL TAKES
PRIORITY OVER
SWEEPING**

STREET CLEANING

**EVEN DATES
8AM - 11PM
WHEN THE SNOW IS
OVER 2 INCHES DEEP
PENDING REMOVAL**

NO PARKING

STREET CLEANING

**TUESDAY
8AM - 5PM
SNOW REMOVAL TAKES
PRIORITY OVER
SWEEPING**

STREET CLEANING

**ODD DATES
8AM - 11PM
WHEN THE SNOW IS
OVER 2 INCHES DEEP
PENDING REMOVAL**

STREET CLEANING: If you have an even address that means you cannot park on your side of the street on Mondays from 8am to 5pm. If you have an odd address that means you cannot park on your side of the street on Tuesdays from 8am to 5pm. Street sweeping is done year-round, but ticketing and towing is enforced from April 1st until November 1st.

LEAF PICK-UP: Once leaf pick up begins, please remember that your leaf pick up is the same side as your street cleaning day, so again if you have an even address your leaves will be picked up on Monday and if you have an odd address your leaves will be picked up on Tuesday. Please do not put your leaves in the street. Leaves should be left on the parkway close to the curb for pick up. **DO NOT PUT PLANTS, BRANCHES, GRASS, DOG FECES** in with the leaves as this will clog the leaf machine. Reminder this is for loose leaves **ONLY** - bagged or canned leaves will not be picked up by Stickney Public Works and should be put out for your normal yard waste pick up day. The leaf program will continue until the first snow fall.

SNOW REMOVAL HOURS ARE 8am-11pm: If the sign on your side of the street says “Even Dates” that is referring to the actual date. So, after a snowfall, if the date is an even number, then your side of the street will have the snow removed and you cannot park on your side of the street. If the sign on your side of the street says “Odd Dates” that is referring to the actual date. 8am – 11pm. If the sign on your side of the street says “Even Dates” that is referring to the actual date. So, the day after a snowfall, if the date is an even number, then your side of the street will have the snow removed and you cannot park on your side of the street. If the sign on your side of the street says “Odd Dates” that is referring to the actual date. The day after a snowfall, if the date is an odd number, then your side of the street will have the snow removed and you cannot park on your side of the street. The No Parking for snow removal goes into effect when 2 or more inches of snow have fallen. Snow removal takes priority over street sweeping. Also, the parking ban stays in effect until both sides of the street are clear of snow even if it did not snow the next day. Essentially a snow parking ban is really 2 days so both sides can get clean. Again, the ban is in effect from 8am till 11pm, so you do not have to move your car at 11pm because the next day of no parking starts at 8am so as long as you move your vehicle by 8am like the sign says.

The Village of Stickney Public Works department makes every effort to clean the streets in a timely manner and we are not responsible for any snow roll over on to driveways or sidewalks. Residents should not shovel or blow snow back into the street. Doing so will result in a fine.

When it is time to clear the streets during a snow fall, The Village of Stickney Public Works Department will send out crews to clear the main streets first, then they will work on clearing all the side streets. Off-street parking and any snow along Pershing and the curb will be taken care of after all other streets are done first. Usually this happens overnight due to less traffic on Pershing Road. Sidewalks along Harlem and Pershing will be done after all other snow removals are complete. Alleys are plowed if





From the Desk of Fire Chief,
JEFFREY BOYAJIAN

The month of October is Fire Prevention Month, and we were out visiting the schools again teaching the students about fire safety. This year's theme for Fire Prevention Week is "**Smoke Alarms: Make them work for you!**" which teaches the importance of smoke detectors in the home and how they save lives by early detection.

The department members were out visiting the schools teaching the students about fire safety, as well as having them learn how to escape a building when it's on fire by staying low. The Division 11 Safety/Smoke Trailer visited each school so the kids could practice what they have learned.

The Fire Department hosted an Open House on October 12, 2024, and it was very successful. Visitors got to see an auto extrication demonstration, kitchen fire demonstration, a fire themed Bouncy House for the kids, even Sparky the Fire Dog made an appearance. We thank all that attended.

As the Holidays approach I want to remind everyone of some of the safety precautions you can take to keep your holidays safe.

- Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stove top so you can keep an eye on the food.
- Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids.
- If deep frying a turkey make sure it is done outside of your home at least 10 feet from any structure and keep a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- Smoke detectors: Test smoke detectors before guests arrive.
- Electrical outlets: Don't overload outlets or extension cords.
- Kitchen: Keep children and pets out of the kitchen, which can be hazardous with hot food, sharp knives, and boiling water.
- Candles: Use flameless candles to reduce the risk of fire damage.
- Lights: Before using lights, check for safety testing, broken sockets, and exposed wires.
- Trees: Water trees daily to keep them fresh.
- Safety plan: Make a holiday safety plan.
- Decorations: Check decorations for certification labels.
- Sleep and leaving: Turn off, unplug, and extinguish all decorations before going to sleep or leaving the house.

I, along with the men and women of the Stickney Fire Department would like to wish you and your families a Safe and Happy Thanksgiving and Holiday Season.

DOGS JUST WANT TO HAVE FUN AT THE BRUSCATO DOG PARK.

This is how it all began.

In 2011 a dog park was established in the Village of Stickney.

The first dog to sign up for the dog park on August 15, 2011, was a tiny little Yorkie known as Mr. Einstein belonging to David & Gayleen Hume.

There was a ribbon cutting ceremony at the dog park on August 20, 2011, with many dogs large & small in attendance.

At the May 1, 2012, Village board meeting a resolution was passed commemorating the dog park in honor of Jason C Bruscato. On May 5, 2012, there was a celebration officially naming the park the Bruscato Dog Park. The Life Newspaper covered the event and Jason's mom gave out buttons in memory of Jason.

Current Mayor Jeff Walik had a full color sign erected at the park, and he recently had our Public Works department refresh the gravel.

The Bruscato Dog Park is for dogs in the village and outside of the village. Hours and fees listed below.

We would like to thank Dave & Gayleen for their support of our dog park, and we are saddened to hear of Mr. Einstein's crossing to Rainbow Bridge.

Written by: Linda Bruscato



Park Hours:

Sunrise to Sunset

unless closed for maintenance or severe weather.

Annual Fee:

Resident

\$12.00-1st dog and- \$6.00 2nd dog

Non-Resident

\$30.00 1st dog and \$10.00 2nd dog

Registration for an annual permit is available at the Village Hall. You must provide vaccination records and current dog license.

Pet Photos with Santa Saturday, December 7th

1:00pm - 3:00pm
Public Works



Save the Date Saturday, December 14th, 2024

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.

A festive holiday background with a dark red base. It features several candy canes with red and white stripes, yellow stars of various sizes, and red and orange ornaments. There are also green pine branches and white snowflakes scattered throughout.

Happy
Holidays

Winter 2024-2025

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

- Thursday, November 28, 2024 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Friday, November 29, 2024 DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING
- Friday, December 20, 2024 CLOSING AT NOON
- Tuesday, December 24, 2024 CHRISTMAS EVE
- Wednesday, December 25, 2024 CHRISTMAS DAY
- Tuesday, December 31, 2024 closing at noon - NEW YEAR'S EVE
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025 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 28, 2024 THANKSGIVING DAY
- Wednesday, December 25, 2024 CHRISTMAS DAY
- Wednesday, January 1, 2025 NEW YEAR'S DAY



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

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