



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR JANUARY 27, 2012
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

There is no Village Council meeting this week.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Council Retreat – A Village Council Retreat will take place on **Monday, February 6, 2012 at 6 PM** at the Downers Grove Park District Golf Course.

Coffee with the Council – A Coffee with the Council will take place on **Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 9 AM** at Oak Trace Senior Living Community, 200 Village Drive.

Facebook Page – On Wednesday, February 1 the Village will launch its Facebook page. This social media platform is being implemented as a way to enhance the openness and accessibility of Village operations. Together with Twitter, Youtube, the Village website and other communications tools the Village will continue to ensure that timely and accurate information is conveyed to the public.

The Village website will remain as the official location for in depth content regarding Village business. Whenever possible, links within Facebook will direct users back to the Village website for more information, documents or online services. Specifically, Facebook will be used for the following purposes:

- Inform the community about Village programs, services and job opportunities.
- Advise the public regarding Village emergency response and recovery activities.
- Promote Village achievements.
- Promote community events supported by the Village either directly or indirectly.

Stormwater Utility Public Engagement Meetings – During the past two weeks staff has hosted three stakeholder meetings (Governments, Downtown Management and Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Corporation) and three public meetings (Residents, Businesses and Churches/Not-For-Profits). The purpose of the meetings was to inform the public of the proposed stormwater utility and to receive public feedback. Approximately 130 people attended the six meetings. Staff is drafting meeting summary reports and preparing responses to the questions that were asked. The report and question responses will be posted on the Village website within the next two weeks.

Village Selected to Make Presentation at Sustainability Conference – Staff was notified this week that the Village was selected to make a presentation at the National 2012 American Public Works Association (APWA) Sustainability Conference. The presentation will be titled “Off the Grid Streetlighting” and will be made on Wednesday, June 27th.

Chamber of Commerce Springfield Visit – The Chamber of Commerce has invited Council members to participate in their visit to Springfield on February 22, 2012. Please let Manager Fieldman know if you would like to participate in the visit.

2012 Adopted Budget - The 2012 Adopted Budget is available electronically on the Village's website at <http://www.downers.us/govt/village-budget>. If any Council members would like a printed copy, please notify the Village Manager.

Safe Walk to School Grant Program – Staff was notified this week that the Village is the recipient of up to \$190,000 in grant funding from the Safe Walk to School Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage infrastructure and non-infrastructure projects that improve walking access to schools. The Village submitted an application in December of 2010 and according to IDOT, a total of 149 entries were received. The Village had previously applied and received \$12,000 in non-infrastructure funding in 2008 that provided for the purchase of Speed Radar Trailers. With the 2010 application, the Village applied for both infrastructure and non-infrastructure funding. The Village was one of five (5) selected DuPage County municipalities, totaling \$190,000 in infrastructure funding for the projects and locations described below:

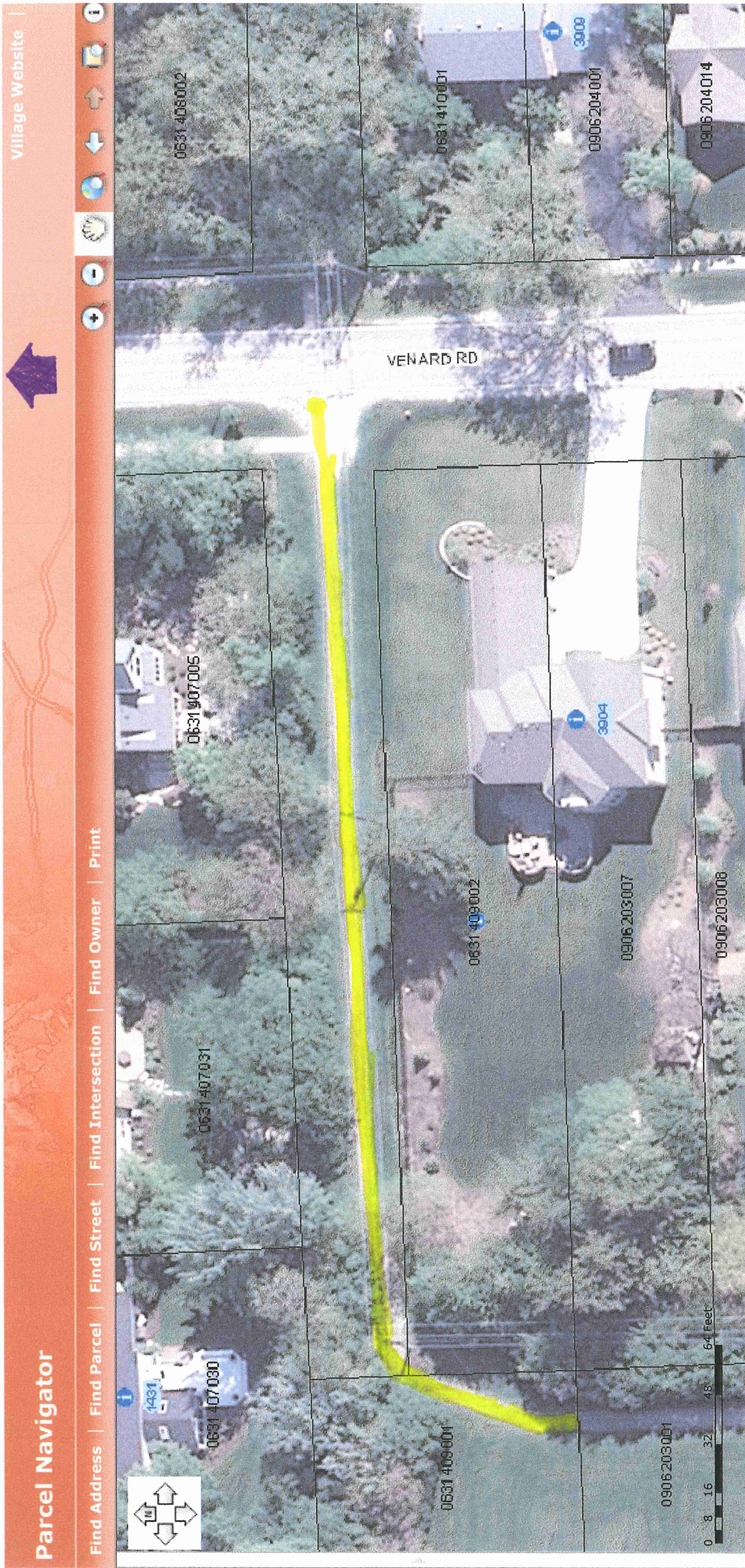
1. Belle Aire School - Received \$120,000 to construct, replace, or repair sidewalks. (See attached Exhibit 1)
2. Pierce Downer School - Received \$20,000 to install, enhance, or repair sidewalks (See attached Exhibit 2)
3. Whittier School - Received \$50,000 to install traffic calming measures (See attached Exhibit 3)

Staff will be working with IDOT on the required grant requirements and anticipates that the projects will be constructed in 2013.

2012 New Sidewalk Installation Program - Preliminary design and cost estimate for both sides of the street have been completed. A public information meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 8th at 6:30 pm at the Public Works Facility. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the 2012 New Sidewalk Installation Program, present the recommended sides of the street for sidewalk construction and to gather comments on the in-progress design drawings for the proposed improvements.

New LED “No Left-Turn” Sign at Main and Maple - A new LED lighted sign was installed this week for northbound Main Street traffic at Maple Avenue. This sign will allow us to restrict left-turn movements only during peak morning and evening traffic times when it is most needed. The sign will not be illuminated during non-peak times and motorists will be able to more easily access destinations west on Maple Avenue.

Traffic Enforcement Grant - The Village is applying for the 2013 Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant in the amount of \$35,784.00. There is no matching component for this grant. The Sustained Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) offers grant funding through the Illinois Department of Transportation for the purposes of increasing safety belt/child safety seat usage and reducing impaired driving through dedicated enforcement efforts. Enforcement activity is conducted during specified holiday periods. Police officers will conduct enforcement activities on an overtime basis, with 100% of these costs being reimbursed through grant funding. This will be the second year applying for this grant program. The Village was awarded the 2012 STEP grant and is currently conducting enforcement campaigns.



BELLE AIRE SCHOOL

Proposed Walkway Construction



EXHIBIT 2

PIERCE DOWNER SCHOOL

Proposed Sidewalk Reconstruction

