



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MARCH 1, 2013
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

Village Council Meeting – The Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 5 at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Council Meeting – The Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.

Stormwater/Water Conservation Education Session for Businesses and Non-Profits - On **Wednesday, April 3 at 9 a.m.**, the Village will be hosting a stormwater education workshop to encourage businesses and non-profits to take advantage of the Village's credit program.

2013 New Sidewalk Installation Program - The second neighborhood meeting for the 2013 Sidewalk Installation Program was held on Thursday. Approximately 35 residents attended. The meeting included a review of the Village policy and benefits of sidewalks, highlights of the sidewalk design process, the method of selecting one side of the street, engineering recommendations for each street and a solicitation of question and comments.

Some drainage related concerns were brought up by the residents of 40th Street and Bunning Drive. Staff will review these concerns before proceeding with further sidewalk design. After questions were addressed, the meeting broke up into small groups to address site-specific questions. Staff has also received written comments and is addressing them. A final meeting for this project will be scheduled for April of this year.

At this time the preliminary design and cost estimate has been completed. Potentially affected trees have been reviewed with the Village Forester and staff has provided recommendations of side of the street for sidewalk installation based on least impact on trees, parkways, existing utilities, etc, and cost. Staff continues to receive input and suggestions from residents into the design process.

The following is the list of streets slated for 2013 New Sidewalk Installation Program including the recommended side of the street.

- Katrine Avenue, Wisconsin Avenue to Curtiss Street (west side)
- Katrine Avenue, Wisconsin Avenue to south limit (west side)
- Wisconsin Avenue, Belmont Road to east limit (south side)
- Janes Avenue, Inverness Avenue to Wisconsin Avenue (east side)
- Middaugh Avenue, Ogden Avenue to south limit (postpone)
- Statton Street, Grant Street to Lincoln Street (east side)

- Aubrey Terrace, Maple Avenue to south end (east side)
- Eldon Place, Bunning Drive to 59th Street (east/north side)
- Bunning Drive, Eldon Place to Fairview Avenue (south side)
- Wall Place, 59th Street to north limit (west side)
- Florence Avenue, Ogden Avenue to south limit (west side)
- 40th Street, Washington Street to west limit (north side)

BNSF Letter - Attached is a letter from the Burlington Northern Santa Fe in response to the Village's letter regarding the Washington Street railroad crossing.

CPR/AED training at District 99 - Attached is an article about Village staff training employees from District 99 in CPR and the use of an Automatic External Defibrillator. Ben DeAnda, Fire Prevention Division Chief for Downers Grove, certified 77 administrators, deans, support staff and custodial staff in CPR and the use of an AED.

ATTACHMENT

BNSF Letter

CPR/AED training article from District 99 newsletter



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February 27, 2013

Mr. David Fieldman
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Dear Mr. Fieldman:

Thank you for your letter of February 15, 2013 regarding grade crossing safety and the Washington Street railroad crossing. Prior to receiving your letter on February 20, I had been contacted by Nan Newlon about the observations made during the Village Council meeting, specifically the deployment of the crossing gates when trains are holding east of Washington Street.

Our Signal Department adjusted the settings of the devices so, while the activation and gate deployment still comply with Illinois Commerce Commission requirements, there should be fewer times when sensors "see" and activate for commuter trains turning or holding for other moves east of the crossing. Our Operating Department then observed this location on February 18 and believed the adjustment will help alleviate gate deployment for trains holding east.

While this should address the gate deployment duration concern, there may still be people who choose to ignore safety warning lights and gates. Given this, we absolutely appreciate your Village's commitment to educating and enforcing grade crossing safety. We also look forward to working with you on modifications to the approaches to these grade crossings in conjunction with reconstruction of the platforms to further improve grade crossing safety.

Feel free to call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

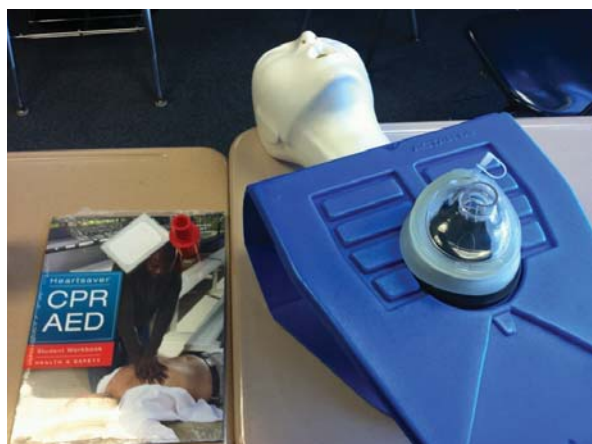
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "PJ Casler", written over a circular stamp or seal.

Patricia J. Casler
Director, Suburban Services

cc: Ben Steinkamp

77 Staff Members Trained in Life Support Techniques

In an effort to boost safety at both schools, over 70 administrators, deans, support staff and custodial staff were trained and certified in a variety of life support techniques throughout February. In previous years, safety training and certification was limited to approximately ten people.



Over 70 staff members are trained in using an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and providing Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR)

Staff members were trained to use an Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) device, a number of which are located in strategic locations throughout



South High Principal Steve Bild

both North High and South High, as well as to provide Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR). Those trained will be certified for CPR/AED from the American Heart Association for two years; refresher courses will be offered in two years. Benjamin

DeAnda, Division Chief of the Downers Grove Fire Prevention conducted the trainings.

"We wanted to create a larger network of people and across a variety of positions to ensure coverage in case of an emergency," says Jim Kolodziej, chair of the district's safety committee and future district director of physical plant and operations.

The higher number of people trained will ensure coverage not only during the school day, but also during highly attended evening events during the week and weekend.

"Those five minutes before paramedics show up can possibly save a life," says Kolodziej.



Safety committee chair Jim Kolodziej organized the effort to expand life support training for district employees



South High Associate Principal Ed



North High Associate Principal Chuck Hiscock