



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MAY 17, 2013
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

Coffee with the Council - The first Coffee with the Council will be held on **Saturday, May 18 at the Main Street Train Station from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.**

Village Council Meeting – The Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 21 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, June 4 at 7 p.m.** in the Council Chambers at Village Hall.

Status of Kensington Place Prentiss Creek Restoration Project - The design/build consultant has submitted project plans for permits to the Army Corps of Engineers and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources. Village Staff has been coordinating with the adjacent homeowners associations. The Beverly Glen Homeowners Association met on 5/16/13 and voted to not sign off on improvements for the project, which means that the project will move forward without the bank stabilization on their property, which represents less than 10% of the roughly 2 acre project area. The Kensington Place Homeowners Association, who own a majority of the project area has sent a letter of authorization and will be included in the improvements. Work is anticipated to begin later this year.

Pavement Striping to begin next week - Superior Road Striping will be starting the annual thermo-plastic pavement striping contract on Monday May 20, at various locations designated by staff. Work is anticipated to take three days.

Public Works Staff Receives Scholarships from the American Public Works Association -

Three staff members from the Public Works department were notified this week they will receive scholarships from the Chicago Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Andy Sikich will be taking a class in the Public Administration program of Northern Illinois University. David Rauch will be taking a project management certification class, and Ian Djuric will be taking business classes at the College of DuPage.

Illinois Department of Labor Issues FAQs on Prevailing Wage for Forestry Work - Village Forester Kerstin von der Heide has been a part of a prevailing wage committee that consisted of public agencies including their legal representatives and the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus, contractors including arborists and IAA lobbyists, and labor unions in an effort to work with the Illinois Department of Labor (IDOL) to clearly differentiate between forestry work that requires prevailing wage and work that does not. There has not been clarity and many communities have been requiring prevailing wage on tree removal and tree planting contracts at an increased cost. The committee met multiple times between March 2012 and early 2013. This week

IDOL published paper which clearly designates the forestry items where prevailing wage is required, which does not include tree removal or tree planting, unless they are part of a construction project. This interpretation of the regulation by IDOL will allow this work to be completed in a more cost-effective manner.