



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 7, 2014
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Places to be this Week...

Coffee with the Council - will be held on Saturday, February 8 at 9:00 am to 10:00 am at the Downers Grove Economic Development Corporation offices on Mochel Drive.

Village Council Meeting - The Village Council meeting will be held on **February 11 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Council Meeting - The Village Council meeting will be held on **February 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Rain Garden Workshop - The Village will hold a workshop on rain gardens on February 25 in the Council Chambers at 7 p.m.

Snow Removal Costs & Equipment Status - The chart below is a breakdown of the estimated costs compared to budget for snow plowing and removal in January 2014.

	2014 Total Budget	Jan 2014 Budget	Jan 2014 Actual	Jan 2013 Actual	Jan 2012 Actual
Payroll Costs	185,188	55,556	207,921	14,888	52,047
Contracted Services	138,575	41,604	80,000	8,620	0
Fuel	28,000	8,400	17,318	1,633	6,854
Chemicals & Salt	286,000	85,800	132,840	56,916	75,888
Total	637,763	191,360	438,079	82,057	134,789

Snow Equipment Status

The Village has 32 pieces of equipment that are dedicated to snow removal and ice control operations. Seven pieces of equipment are currently out of service or on limited duty as described below.

Plow Trucks

The Village owns eleven 5 and 10-ton trucks that are dedicated to snow operations. One of these trucks is assigned to each of the 10 snow routes and the 11th is used as a back-up. One truck is currently out of service for repairs and two are only available for salting and hauling operations pending repairs that are expected to be complete early next week. When a 5 or 10 ton truck is not available in a snow route for plowing it is replaced with a combination of loaders and 1-ton trucks.

The Village also owns two 3-ton trucks that are used for salting and plowing. The salt spreaders are being repaired under warranty and are anticipated to be back in service early next week. In the meantime, the Village is using available 1-ton plow trucks.

Semi-truck

The Village owns one semi-truck which is primarily used for hauling snow. The semi is currently out of service and is expected to be back in operation early next week. While it is out of operation the 5 and 10 ton trucks can assist with the hauling operation.

Front end loaders

The Village owns three front end loaders that are dedicated to snow operations. They are used for loading salt and snow and assist with snow removal in cul-de-sacs under some conditions. One front end loader is currently out of service and the Village is renting a loader until the repairs are complete.

Pedestrian Crossings at Main & Oxford and 63rd & Springside - At the February 4, 2014 Village Council meeting, Commissioner Durkin requested information about pedestrian crossings located at Main & Norfolk and 63rd & Springside. Both of these intersections are under the jurisdiction of DuPage County.

Main & Norfolk - In conjunction with the resurfacing of Main Street in 2013, the County replaced the existing pedestrian crosswalks and upgraded the signalized pedestrian crossing at 67th and Main by installing count-down indicators. A pedestrian crosswalk is located at Main & Norfolk on the north leg of the T-intersection. The crosswalk consists of on-pavement striping, depressed curbs, sidewalk returns and pedestrian crossing warning signs for both north and south bound lanes on Main Street. An un-marked crosswalk previously located at Main and Oxford was removed during the resurfacing (the existing sidewalk returns were removed).

63rd & Springside - This unsignalized intersection located immediately west of Downers Grove South High School is improved with pedestrian crossings on all four legs. Improvements consist of on-pavement striping, depressed curbs, sidewalk returns and pedestrian crossing warning signs for both east and west bound lanes on 63rd Street.

Village staff has requested that the County make additional pedestrian safety improvements at both of these crosswalks. County staff has been responsive and agreed to explore the installation of additional improvements. However, no specific improvements at these crosswalks have been proposed.

Public Meeting for 40th and Washington Drainage Improvements - The Village held a public meeting for the 40th and Washington Drainage Improvement project on Wednesday, February 5. Eleven residents attended. The purpose of the meeting was to provide information about the project to the residents (scope of work, impacts of improvements, design status, construction schedule) and to solicit feedback about the general purpose of the project. The residents stated they were pleased with the Village's actions to mitigate the drainage issues in question. Many of the residents showed interest in the Stormwater Cost-Share Program. Staff also discussed installation of new sidewalk on 40th St west of Washington as part of the project. The residents said they would rather not have the sidewalk installed but were pleased with the fact that staff would attempt to work with them regarding its location.