



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 14, 2014
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

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.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Council Meeting - The Village Council meeting will be held on **March 4 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 7:00 p.m.**

2014 Tree Pruning Contract is Underway - The 2014 tree pruning contract began this week. D.Ryan Tree and Landscape will be pruning approximately 4,026 trees this year in the areas shown on the attached map. Work started in section 12 and will shift to the other sections in numeric order. All residents in the pruning areas were mailed a letter about pruning and several have responded with positive comments. Work is anticipated to be completed in May.

The purpose of parkway tree pruning is to improve tree structure, increase resident satisfaction, enhance tree vigor, increase aesthetic appeal, reduce wind damage, provide adequate clearance, and maintain safe conditions in the right-of-way. The optimum tree pruning cycle is to have each parkway tree pruned once in five years, which we have implemented since 2007.

Winter Water Operations - In addition to handling an unusual amount of snow this season Public Works has been responding to a high number of watermain breaks and frozen water services. Since January 1, a total of 19 water main breaks have been repaired. This is due to the extreme cold and fluctuating temperatures, and the frost line which has reached a depth of two feet. In 2013 we experienced a total of 2 main breaks in January and February.

We have also encountered 22 locations with frozen water services; three of those being with businesses. This is also due to the frost line as well as the service being frozen at high points in the road or services being too shallow. Dave's Welding of Darien has assisted us with thawing water services. Last year in 2013 we had 1 frozen water service.

Attachments

Tree Pruning Map

PRUNING SECTIONS FOR 2014

VILLAGE OF
DOWNERS GROVE

