



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MAY 8, 2015
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Places to be this Week...

The next Village Council meeting will be held on **May 12 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Barth Ceremony - The Barth Ceremony will be held on **Thursday, May 14 at 1 p.m.** at First Presbyterian Church, 339 4th Street

Public Works Open House - Friday, May 15 from 3 p.m. until 7 p.m.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Village Council Meeting - The Village Council meeting will be held on **May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Upcoming Proclamation

May 12 - Police Week.

TaP to Review Neighborhood Traffic Study #4

On Wednesday, May 13th, the Transportation and Parking Commission will review draft recommendations for Neighborhood Traffic Study Area #4. This area is bounded by Ogden Avenue to the North, the Burlington Northern Railroad to the south, Fairview Avenue to the east and Main Street to the west. The purpose of the project is to study traffic and pedestrian issues on a neighborhood-wide basis. Recommendations will be presented at the meeting that will improve intersection controls, address pedestrian and access needs, address vehicular speeds, review school operations, and minimize the potential for present and future crashes and conflicts. Following review and approval by the Commissions the recommendations will be presented to Village Council for approval. The Transportation and Parking Commission meeting will be held at Village Hall, 801 Burlington Avenue, Downers Grove, and begins at 7:00 pm.

Project Update - Automatic Meter Reading Replacements

In January 2015 the Village began a 12-month process of replacing the 16,700 transmission units that wirelessly send water meter readings from residential and business customers' meters to the Village for billing. The original transmission units, known as MTUs, were installed in 2002. The units' batteries were designed with a 10 to 15 year life, and are beginning to fail.

The Village's vendor, Aclara, and their installation sub-contractor Scope Services, are replacing the MTUs at each building over the course of 2015. The majority of the units are installed on the outside of homes and businesses and there are no service or billing disruptions when the units are replaced. The project is tracking on schedule and on budget with 3,650 new MTUs installed and transmitting water usage readings. Work is currently taking place north of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe railroad tracks with approximately 300 new MTUs being installed weekly.

Scope maintains a customer service line, [1-888-209-5075](tel:1-888-209-5075), to respond to inquiries from residents and businesses. Customers may also contact the Village with questions.

Public Works Week Open House

The Village is hosting the annual Public Works Open House on Friday, May 15, from 3pm to 7pm at the Public Works Building, 5101 Walnut Avenue. The event gives residents the opportunity to meet Public Works staff and learn more about the services Public Works provides. Children will be eligible to complete a game sheet and enter a drawing to ride a Public Works truck in the 4th of July parade. There will also be refreshments and drawings to win a rain barrel and a tree.