



**MANAGER'S REPORT FOR MAY 15, 2015
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS**

Places to be this Week...

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

Future Calendar Reminders...

Memorial Day - Village Hall and most Village offices will be closed Monday, May 25 in observance of Memorial Day.

Taxi Coupon Subsidy Program Update - The Village operates a taxi coupon subsidy program. The purpose of the program is to assist eligible participants with their transportation needs. The Village provides a 50% subsidy to offset the cost of taxi services. Participants use coupons in place of cash to pay for taxi fares. Each sheet of coupons is equal to \$10 in value and costs \$5. Participants are limited to purchasing \$60 of coupons per calendar month (\$720 per year). The taxi coupon program is open to Village residents aged 65 years or older and residents with disabilities who have a valid RTA card.

The table below summarizes the usage and cost to the Village of this program from 2013 through April 30, 2015. In 2014, 1,500 people used the program and the net cost to the Village was about \$39,700. The FY14 budgeted expenses were \$60,000. The FY15 budget includes \$45,000 for this program.

Taxi Program	2013 Budget	2013 Actual	2014 Budget	2014 Actual	2015 Budget	YTD 4/30/2015
Sale Revenues	60,000	46,250	60,000	43,705	45,000	14,040
Less: Refunds		340		375		650
Net Revenue	60,000	45,910	60,000	43,330	45,000	13,390
Expenses (Payments to Taxi Providers)	120,000	83,730	120,000	83,026	90,000	15,558
Net Cost	(60,000)	(37,820)	(60,000)	(39,696)	(45,000)	(2,168)
Number of \$5 coupon sheets sold (net of refunds)		9,250		8,741		2,808
Number of Participants		1,590		1500		482

Participants who purchased maximum		1,503		1416		455
Percentage who purchased maximum		95%		94%		94%

Belmont Metra Station Ridership

At the May 12 Council meeting Commissioner Barnett requested information about ridership at the Belmont train station. The latest boarding counts were conducted in Spring 2014 and reflect 1,325 weekday boardings at the Belmont Metra Station. This number is down 89 boardings from previous counts which were conducted in Fall 2006. The Belmont Metra Station is ranked 25th overall for boardings in the Metra system.

DuPage County to Resurface Highland Avenue

DuPage County will resurface Highland Avenue, beginning next week, between Ogden Avenue and 31st Street. The work will consist of grinding and overlaying the existing pavement, spot curb removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement at intersections, and new pavement markings. The work is being done by K-Five Construction. The project engineer at the County is Steve Mlynarczyk. The work is part of a contract that will also include two other areas in DuPage County. All of the work is scheduled to be completed by August 14, 2015. The county will be coordinating the work with Good Samaritan Hospital.

Certified Floodplain Managers

Susan Quasney, Staff Engineer in Public Works, and Julie Lomax, Development Engineer in Community Development, both passed the Certified Floodplain Managers (CFM) exam. CFM is a national program for certifying floodplain managers. The exam measures a person's knowledge of a community's responsibilities under the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP), and related floodplain management topics. The Village now has five CFMs: Karen Daulton Lange, Kerry Behr, Bill McClain, Susan Quasney and Julie Lomax. Achieving this designation enhances the staff's knowledge of floodplain management and regulations.



Spring 2015 Tree Planting

Parkway tree planting is scheduled to begin Tuesday May 19, pending weather conditions. A total of 266 trees will be planted representing 33 different tree species. The tree species will include a variety of oaks: swamp white oak, burr oak, red oak, chinkapin oak, shingle oak and english oak. Of the 266 trees, 26 are new tree plantings where there was no tree before, and the remaining 240 trees are replacements for trees removed due to Emerald Ash Borer infestations, disease, decline or storm damage. Also, the Village will be honoring 125 specific tree species requests, thereby improving resident satisfaction, and the likelihood of long-term tree survival.

A TreeGator® will be made available free of charge for each newly planted parkway tree. A TreeGator® is a 20-gallon plastic reservoir that attaches around the trunk of the tree. The TreeGator® is quickly and easily filled twice a week with a garden hose, and the small holes in the bottom allow water to trickle out slowly. This encourages deep root growth. For more than a decade, TreeGators® have improved tree survival and simplified tree care. Shown in the picture below are trees planted along 67th Street which have grown and flourished since their planting in 2005.

