

Staff Responses to Council Questions

Refuse Contract

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Please give me an estimate of how many staff hours would be required to ask the bidders to provide alternate pricing for a Village paid (single payer) program.

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Please detail the operational aspects of Amnesty Day and in particular, what is done with the refuse post collection. ie; is it sorted and recyclable materials recycled? If so, to what extent if not, where does it all go?

Republic Services provided the following response: Any waste collected on an Amnesty Day is delivered to a transfer station for disposal in the landfill. Due to the nature of the operation, there is no material recovery at local transfer stations, since it increases the likelihood of worker injury. Industry practice is to avoid having individuals on the transfer station floor since heavy equipment is used to load the waste into trailers. Also, it is not a safe practice to have workers remove recyclables from piles of waste manually.

5100 Forest

Can you provide the following data as we consider the 5100 Forest application?

** For All Other CBD (DT) Buildings with Residential Usage **

+ *Parking Space to Unit Ratio*

+ *Lot Area Per Dwelling Unit*

Building	Number of Units	Parking Spaces	Parking Ratio	Lot Area (sq ft)	Density (units / acre)
4900 Forest	32	39	1.22	40,075	35
4910 Forest	32	14	0.44	30,056	46
Oak Tree Tower	164	65	0.40	102,366	70
4929 Forest	24	37	1.54	22,847	46
930 Rogers	10	20	2.00	18,295	24
918 Rogers	8	15	1.88	19,166	18
822 Warren	6	6	1.00	8,276	32
922 Warren	28	56	2.00	30,816	40

Station Crossing	48	70	1.46	43,969	48
1108-1114 Curtiss	19	20	1.05	20,473	40
1110 Grove	50	68	1.36	52,272	42
5133 Washington (Grove Tower)	24	47	1.96	27,060	39
907 Curtiss	35	43	1.23	42,253	36
835-839 Curtiss	22	21	0.95	26,572	36
5146 Belden	21	32	1.52	42,253	22
817-819 Curtiss	8	9	1.13	13,504	26
5202 Washington	27	35	1.30	24,394	48
5329 Main Street (Morningside)	40	80	2.00	48,352	36
904-910 Curtiss	26	40	1.54	28,750	39
1008 - 1010 Curtiss	18	0	0.00	13,504	58
Acadia on the Green	126	148	1.17	89,734	61
1132 Curtiss	16	34	2.13	30,056	23
5123-5137 Carpenter	8	8	1	16,553	21
1122 Gilbert Avenue (Immanuel Residences)	120	36	0.30	90,605	58
Zoning Ordinance Requirements			1.40		54

Also, I'd like to know whether any of the other buildings in the downtown, commercial or residential, use any public ROW to facilitate loading.

Station Crossing has a dedicated flex loading and parking space along Highland Avenue. Lemon Tree Grocer regularly receives deliveries along Burlington Avenue. In addition, there is a flex loading and parking space near 1015 Curtiss Street that serves multiple users.

How many units are in the Immanuel Residences? How many parking spaces are provided? Who owns Lot D? Can spaces in Lot D be assigned for use by Immanuel Residences?

There are 120 units in Immanuel Residences and 36 parking spaces. Lot D is owned by Immanuel Residences and leased by the Village. As part of the lease agreement, the Village provides a limited number of parking permits to Immanuel residents for Lot D.

Online Comments

rRemarks are attached.



rRemarks Data for August 18, 2015 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section	Agenda Item	Comment	Commenter
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>Dear Mayor and Council Members, Today I received an email from Kathleen DiCola, an outgoing Library Trustee regarding the proposed nomination of Mr. Jaros. I have clipped and pasted the communication below.</p> <p>If what Mr. DiCola indicates is true, I encourage you not to support Mayor Tully's recommendation of Mr. Jaros to what will be a 6 year term as a library trustee. It is critical that library trustee members have unimpeachable records in matters related to free speech and respect for everyone's point of view. The library is there to provide myriad and varied resources upon which the library patrons can form their own opinions and conclusions. It isn't there to provide only some points of view or materials, and not others. If nothing else, I encourage you to table the vote on Mr Jaros until further investigation in to the concerns Ms. DiCola has raised has occurred and the results are entered in to the record before you place a vote. That way, your constituents can decide if they agree with your analysis of the situation and if you represent their point of view on the Council.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Dan Levinthal 702 Maple Ave.</p> <p>Dear Fellow Residents of Downers Grove, After nearly 20 years as a trustee on the Downers Grove Library Board, I am stepping down. I have truly enjoyed serving the community, and playing a part in keeping our library the respected and vibrant community resource that it is. Thank you to the dedicated staff and administration, past and present, who work every day to serve 495,000 visitors, and circulate around 1,000,000 items a year. Thank you to my fellow board members, past and present, whose dedicated, unpaid, unsung service, have guided the library from the card catalog to the online catalog, and to the beautiful state-of-the-art library of today. And, thank you to the patrons, the citizens who have supported the library since the first library referendum passed in 1911. Unfortunately, Mayor Tully personally recruited for library trustee a nominee that I believe is the wrong choice for our library. Art Jaros, who some of you may remember as a member of the Park Board from 2003-2009, is that nominee. In 1999, Mr. Jaros was a leader in an effort to ban a particular book from a reading list at District 99, and to require the teachers to "expurgate" from instructional materials anything considered to be anti-Christian or indecent. (Chicago Tribune, Aug. 20, and Sept. 22, 1999.) For over a hundred years, the Downers Grove Public Library Board has operated as an impartial civic body. Library trustees grounded in our First Amendment Rights have protected the freedom to read for all the citizens of Downers Grove. Ask the council not to appoint Art Jaros -- who attempted to ban books, putting his personal ideology above others' first amendments rights -- to an irrevocable, 6-year term on our library board. The vote is this Tuesday, August 18, you can email the Mayor and Council here: http://www.downers.us/forms/mayor-council-directors-request. Please feel free to share this email.</p> <p>Kathleen DiCola</p>	Daniel Levinthal 702 Maple Ave
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>Regarding the appointment of Mr. Jaros to the Library Board, I don't want to presume that his reported history is a sure indication of his current views. I do believe, however, that any attempt to limit the library's collection based on the ethical, moral or religious beliefs of one person is contrary to a public library's mission. If Council members feel that Mr. Jaros would lobby for such policies, then I urge you not to approve his appointment.</p>	Jack Dare 1656 Carol St
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>I am writing regarding the proposed appointment of Art Jaros to the Library Board of Trustees. I understand that Mr. Jaros was involved in leading the efforts to ban a book from the supplemental curriculum at Downers Grove South High School approximately 15 years ago. I find it highly concerning that the Village would consider appointing someone to steward our public library who in the past has advocated censorship of books simply because they did not appear to align with his values.</p>	Geoff Anderman 5409 Washington St
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>As a DG resident and a professional librarian, I find that Art Jaros is an unacceptable choice for the DG Library Board. A library trustee's responsibility is to advocate for the library and to provide it with the resources need to serve the entire community. I understand that Mr. Jaros has history of trying to ban or remove materials that he did not agree with from the schools. This is in direct conflict with the mission of a public library. It would be a mistake to appoint someone who might try to overrule the responsibilities of the professional library staff. Please do not appoint Art Jaros.</p>	Laura Dare 1656 Carol St



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Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>Dear Village Council members and Mayor Tully, I am writing to ask that you not appoint Art Janos to the DG Library Board. I commend Mr. Janos for his willingness to serve our Village, but anyone who attempts to ban books that do not conform to his/her world view does not belong on a library board. Mr. Janos was quoted in the Chicago Tribune as attempting to ban a book from the DGN classrooms because it "violates conservative DuPage County community standards." I am a DG resident who is not a conservative and our wonderful Village library needs to reflect both Mr. Janos' standards and mine. Thank you for your commitment to our great Village and for your thoughtful consideration on this appointment. Christina Morrison</p>	Christina Morrison 915 Lincoln Street
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>Dear Vilage Board,</p> <p>I believe the Mayor's Report will introduce new appointments to various boards. As to the Public Library, I am greatly concerned about the possible appointment of a board member that has a public record of seeking to censor books.</p> <p>I specifically make reference to an article in the Tribune regarding a Mr. Jaros and Mr. Carr who attempted to have a book banned from Downers Grove South High School a few years back.</p> <p>Please do not approve the appointment of ANY individuals to the Public Library Board who seek to have books banned from reading in our high schools. It is unacceptable in this modern day and age to ban books and to discourage reading in any way. Literary works should be protected and not censored.</p> <p>Sincerely, Arthur Rummler</p>	Arthur Rummler 416 Lincoln Ave.
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	<p>Item 12 on 08/18/15 agenda, appointment to Boards and Commissions.</p> <p>I oppose the appointment of Art Jaros to the Library Board. Appointing an individual who tried to have a book banned in District 99 does not bode well for freedom of expression and thought in our community. Freedom of speech is a fundamental concept of our nation.</p> <p>Mr Jaros was actively involved with an attempt to have District 99 ban the book "Blue Star Rapture" by James Bennett</p> <p>Selecting an individual for the library board who has publicly supported censorship establishes a dangerous precedent for our community and nation.</p> <p>Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.</p>	James Turner 801 61st Street