



MANAGER'S REPORT FOR AUGUST 16, 2019
GENERAL INFORMATION AND RESPONSES TO MAYOR & COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Places to be this Week...

Coffee with the Council - Coffee with the Council will be held on **Saturday, August 17 at 9:00 a.m. to 10 a.m.** at the Main Street Station.

Village Council Meeting - The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 20 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Future Calendar Reminders...

Blood Drive - The Summer Blood Drive will be held on **Friday, August 23rd from 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** at the Downers Grove Fire Station 2

Village Council Meeting - The next Village Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 3 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers** at Village Hall.

Pedestrian Safety Measures Installed at DGN and DGS

As part of a partnership between District 99 and the Village, pedestrian safety enhancements have been put in place at both high schools.

Temporary digital message boards and radar feedback signs were put in place at each school to remind drivers that school is back in session and remind them to drive safely around schools.

Sidewalk stickers were placed at the crosswalks at key intersections to remind students, staff and visitors to "look up" and take care when crossing the street. Safety material is being finalized for delivery to students and parents early next week that focuses on pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicle safety.

Plans are underway for more significant improvements around both schools, and as part of that effort, community forums will be held on September 5 to collect more feedback and ideas to improve safety. An online "interactive map" for community members to provide specific input on intersections surrounding our schools is also coming soon.

Village Awarded Green Fleet Award for 6th Year in a row

The Village of Downers Grove has again been selected as one of the top 50 Greenest Fleets in North America. The Village was awarded the Government Green Fleet Award for their dedicated use of alternative fuel and hybrid vehicles in 2018.

In 2018, 83% of the Village's fleet utilized some form of alternative fuel. These alternatives included Biodiesel (B-20), E-85 (Ethanol), Compressed Natural Gas (CNG), propane, solar power, and hybrid combinations. The Village uses CNG fuel to power a wide range of vehicles including compact sedans, pick-up trucks, cargo vans, police patrol vehicles and five-ton trucks. The Village's five-ton trucks were the first in the Midwest to be powered by CNG.

The implementation of green initiatives like the use of cleaner, more efficient alternative fuels achieves the Village's Strategic Plan goal of being a Steward of Financial & Environmental Sustainability. Using alternative fuels reduces the environmental impact of fleet operations and is more cost effective than traditional petroleum based products. Being selected as an award winning Government Green Fleet is a great accomplishment for the Village.

The Village recently began use of its first plug-in electric hybrid vehicles. The vehicles, used by the Police Department's Community Support Officers, are averaging over 75 miles-per-gallon after one month of use.