Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I would like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year!

The holidays are over and we are getting back to do what you elected us for. It is my duty to do everything I can to make you proud to live and raise your families here.

We are heading in the right direction. Development is coming and with it are increased revenues and better services. During this winter season, our Public Works employees are ready to meet any challenge the weather can throw at them. We finally convinced the IEPA to fund the cleanup of the gas station on 84th Street and Cork Avenue. The cleanup will start around January 7th. When it is finished, we will look to develop this property. If you have any suggestions, please feel free to contact our Director of Economic Development, Matt Zarebczan at 708-458-2130.

As for the triangle property, the MWRD permit was finally secured and work can commence. After a long wait, we have also received the final reviews for the sidewalk plans for the Frontage Road. We are expecting the letting and bids for construction in April 2019.

We also started working on this year’s budget. All the departments are actively involved and understanding of the importance of a balanced budget. We are working towards better streets, sewers, better drainage for less flooding and improved services. In addition, we will continue beautifying and cleaning up the village.

Presently, we are looking for bids to demolish four dilapidated properties that for a long time were eyesores and a source of frustration for neighbors. The court finally judged in favor of the village and cleanup will be completed.

Our Building Commissioner worked long and hard on this for the village. His testimony and evidence presented in court convinced the Judge to issue demolition orders.

Our Winter Wonderland and Holiday Food Basket events have come and gone. My sincere thanks to our Finance Office staff, Public Works staff, Building Department staff, the Police Department staff, Economic Development staff, Special Events Committee, Trustees, Clerk, Deputy Clerk and all the volunteers who worked tirelessly to make these events a great success!

My hope is that Mother Nature will look upon our community with favor to stay safe this year. Again, I sincerely wish everyone a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year!

Yours sincerely,

Kris Wasowicz, Mayor/Village President

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Clerk’s Corner

Hello Everyone.....

Here is my quick lesson on the making of the newsletter. About a month before your newsletters are delivered with your sewer & refuse bill, all departments are asked to provide their articles to the editor in chief. No fancy consultant, our editor is Maria Cervantes who works with the village in the finance office! Takes about 4 weeks to get, edit and receive approval from the board to “go to print”. I say this for three reasons:

- I thought you might want to understand why some things you request for the newsletter seem to take an eternity to go to print.
- Faster information is available on the village website [villageofjustice.org](http://villageofjustice.org) or Facebook page at Village of Justice, Illinois
- Finally, I say that since the deadline for the January edition is always days following our Winter Wonderland event in the village. One of my favorite days as a Village of Justice official is by far Winter Wonderland Day. I am always so energized from seeing the community come together for this event. **BTW:** I need your pictures from the event! I want to put a virtual scrapbook together so we don't lose sight of some of these memories. Please forward to me at ssmall@villageofjustice.org if you are willing to share the photos.

A note of thanks for the kind donation of the tent rental goes to Donna and Ray Heabel as well as the Justice Chamber of Commerce. The tent was a great idea and it really helped provide the extra space needed for the event. Ray “The Elf” even helped Santa keep the Grinch away!

The Christmas Tree decorating contest was a really close call this year. The judges were even arguing amongst themselves! In the end, Wilkins School took home two of the 3 coveted trophies (See the pictures below!!) The Justice Chamber of Commerce took home the third trophy. Congratulations and thanks for your continued effort to be THE WINNER! As a lifelong Cubs fan; remember, there is always next year to those who have yet to win (you know who you are!!!)

Hoping everyone had a great holiday season and I am hoping that when you get this newsletter the BEARS are still in contention!!! ‘Til next time...... Sue

2019 Pet Tags

2019 Animal Licenses may be purchased now at Village Hall – 7800 Archer Rd. The fee is $5.00 per animal license. The application must be accompanied by a valid rabies vaccination certificate.
Village of Justice

**Public Works**

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:**
Our code enforcement officer will continue to issue tickets for any code violations that are brought to our attention. A few examples are listed below:
- Garbage cans in front of the property
- Vehicles that are not registered
- Vehicles that do not have license plates
- Address not visible from the street
- Garbage and debris around the building
- Wood not stacked correctly or in front of the property

**WINTER SAFETY TIPS:**
Now that the cold weather has finally arrived, have your furnaces and fireplaces serviced in order to avoid any problems. Problems left undetected can cause fires, injuries and even death. Also, service your dryer vents as even a light buildup of lint can cause a fire.

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**COLD WEATHER AND SNOW SEASON IS FAST APPROACHING**

**FOR THE SAFETY OF PUBLIC WORKS AND OUR RESIDENTS PLEASE ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS:**

1.) PLEASE do not run out to or next to the snow plows as they are driving by, this is a dangerous situation, not only for you, the resident, but also for our snow plow drivers.

2.) Public Works spends long hours making sure our streets are clean of snow. PLEASE REMEMBER:
Shoveling or plowing snow onto village streets is **against the law** (a ticket could possibly be issued). In the past, we have noticed several residents that snow blow or shovel snow onto the village streets soon after the snow plows have gone by. We have also received several complaints by motorists driving by as they get hit with snow or come very close to running into resident snow blowers. Again, this is not only dangerous for the resident, but also for the snow plow/drivers and vehicles driving on that street.

3.) Make sure when shoveling or plowing driveways and sidewalks that all snow is disposed of onto grassy areas, **NOT ON VILLAGE STREETS.** Also, be considerate of neighbors, do not shovel or plow snow onto their sidewalks and driveways.

4.) PARKING: For safe and effective plowed streets, be sure not to park on village streets after a 1 inch snowfall, until streets are plowed.

5.) GARBAGE CANS: Place garbage cans, mobile basketball nets and all miscellaneous toys or equipment **ONLY on the driveway.**

6.) MAILBOX/DRIVEWAYS: Be sure your mailbox is secured properly to the post to prevent plowed snow from dislodging it. Unfortunately, when plowing the streets, Public Works cannot direct the snow away from the mail boxes or driveways. It is the homeowner’s responsibility to make sure to clean all snow away from the front of your mailbox to ensure timely mail delivery.

**NOTE:** Public Works will **not** clean plowed snow away from mailboxes and will not come back and plow out driveways.

7.) FIRE HYDRANT: In case of a heavy accumulation of snow, please help the fire department and make sure all fire hydrants are exposed for emergency use.

8.) SENIOR DRIVEWAY PLOWING: If you are a senior citizen, age 62 or older, handicapped, living alone and would like your driveway plowed, you must come into the Public Works office and complete the “Snow Plow Waiver”. Without this waiver, your driveway will not be plowed.
Advertise Your Business in the Village of Justice

2019 Newsletter!

Advertisement space is available for 2019!

Space fills up quickly! Please contact Maria at (708) 458-2520 for more information.

The Village of Justice offers a convenient and cost effective opportunity to market your business name to over 2,500 households and businesses within the Village!! The Village offers two pages of full color advertising space in the Village of Justice Newsletter. Newsletters are mailed bi-monthly (every odd month).
Economic Development

“Building Justice Together” means it takes a community to make things happen. We encourage you to shop and use the business services in Justice! We would like to welcome the following new businesses to our community:

**New Businesses:**
Avalon Beauty Supply – a Beauty Retail Supply business located at 8517 S. 88th Avenue, Justice – (773) 983-8049

BIZ, Inc. – an Accounting Service business located at 8648 S. Roberts Road, Unit 101, Justice – (773) 777-1040

Climate Change, Inc. – a Heating & Cooling business located at 7550 S. Archer Road, Justice – (708) 563-2388

A1 Chicago Limo & SUV – a Limousine Rental business located at 8350 S. 88th Avenue, Justice – (708) 228-4700

**New Home Occupation Businesses:**
Evolution Heat & Cooling, Inc. – Heating & Cooling Business – (708) 768-3822

C & C Plumbing & Sewer – Plumbing & Sewer Business – (708) 334-2290

I&R Towing Inc. – Towing Services – (708) 705-4188

Merchandising Kings, Inc. – E-Retail Business – (708) 800-9193

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**New Lions Club in Justice**

We are in the process of forming a Lions Club in Justice. We are looking for your thoughts and ideas of how we can better the Justice community.

Lions Clubs perform hands on community work and service projects. We work towards protecting the environment and improving our communities. Lions Clubs can also provide health programs that focus on vision and hearing loss to supporting efforts to control and prevent diabetes. We help to improve the health of children and adults in our community and around the world. The best part is, our club programs are developed by our members.

**Come join us January 14th at 6:30 pm at the Village Hall in the All Purpose Room for an organizational meeting.**

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**Justice Senior Citizen Club**

The Justice Senior Citizen Club is looking for new members. The club meets the 2nd and 4th Tuesday at 12 pm in the Justice Village Hall All Purpose Room. Come and join us!
If you have any questions, please contact Ray Hodson at 708-496-0930
SAVE THE DATE

Sweetheart Ball
February 9, 2019

We invite you to give your little sweetheart the gift of the first dance, and every dance. We invite you to create memories that will last a lifetime. Your magical evening together includes appetizers, sweet treats, the ULTIMATE DJ dance party, photo booth, and keepsake photo opportunities throughout the night! This event is for parents, aunts & uncles, grandmothers & grandfathers, or caregivers with their little sweethearts.

Location: Community Center, 7747 S Oak Grove Ave.
Registration: January 7 - February 1, 2019
Fee: $20 per couple, each additional sweetheart $10
*Pre-registration is required