Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I don’t know about you, but I think this weather is crazy. Shortly after the Polar Vortex, the temperature climbed up to 50 degrees. Mother Nature is enjoying being on this weather rollercoaster. Hopefully, it won’t last much longer. The days are getting longer and the sun is higher so it is just a matter of time until spring will arrive. Our Public Works employees are doing a great job keeping the streets cleaned and helping our seniors with their driveways and working on potholes. Just remember, winter is not over yet so be safe. The Village Hall is the official warming center. If your furnace or water heater goes out, don’t hesitate to call the Building Department at 708-458-2130.

This year, we will see many things getting accomplished, the old gas station located on 84th Place and Cork Avenue is finally being demolished. The decontamination process will begin soon after. We passed the demolition bid on 4 properties that for a long time were the eyesores and source of problems for our neighbors. We have 4 more properties where we are waiting for Cook County courts to give us the green light to take down.

As we are all aware, with the coming of the spring season, the construction season will start. IDOT will finally let the Frontage Road sidewalk project go for bid in April. The triangle property will start their construction as soon as the weather permits. The project on Archer and 86th Ave will also be starting. We are currently working on the paving plans for 2019 along with continuously incorporating street improvements.

Thanks to the great leadership of our Police Chief and Deputy Chief, we will be providing dispatch services to another municipality along with our Fire District. We are finally finishing work on our Intergovernmental Agreement to officially regulate the use of our firehouse by Roberts Park Fire Protection District. They have been great neighbors and we are very proud of their service and dedication to our village.

I am a firm believer that education is very important. We all learn something new every day as we live our life. As in the past years, the Village of Justice offers scholarships to our high school students (residents of Justice). The application is currently available on our website at www.villageofjustice.org.

As a reminder to everyone, the vehicle sticker renewal season will be upon us soon. The renewal period will begin May 1, 2019 thru July 1, 2019.

Recently, some members of the board of trustees started discussion around our newsletter format and changes they want to implement. Apparently, they object to the fact that my message is on the front page among other issues. I would like to extend an invitation to you, our residents, to provide your comments and suggestions to me and our board members about the newsletter format to my email address listed below. After all, you are the consumers of the information and it should be tailored to you. You are the ultimate judge of our performance. We are here to serve you for the benefit of the village.

Yours sincerely,

Kris Wasowicz,
Mayor/Village President
kwasowicz@villageofjustice.org
Hello and welcome to what I would like to call the Election Edition of this Clerk’s Corner. My role as the clerk makes me the local Election Official. It is one of my main responsibilities to ensure all residents are informed and understand their rights as voters. I am hoping everyone makes it a point to exercise his or her right to vote on April 2 2019. In this election, residents will elect three village trustees, two park district commissioners, two library board commissioners and answer yes or no to two special “referenda” questions. The trustee and commissioner seats are self-explanatory however; the two special questions need to be explained to allow you to make an informed decision. In addition to this information, the Village Board will be conducting an informational session to help everyone understand the questions that the voter is asked to decide. The questions, along with a brief explanation are listed below.

THE VILLAGE OF JUSTICE WILL PRESENT TWO QUESTIONS ON THE BALLOT APRIL 2, 2019:

WHAT ARE THE BASICS OF A REFERENDUM?

The common definition: A COMMUNITY QUESTION PRESENTED TO THE VOTERS REQUESTING THEIR APPROVAL OR DENIAL ON A PROPOSED CHANGE IN THE LAW

There will be 2 referenda questions on the ballot on APRIL 2, 2019. In addition to the information listed below, the village will host an informational session on March 14, 2019.

**QUESTION #1**

Shall the Village of Justice, Cook County, Illinois, impose a Non-Home Rule Municipal Retailers’ Occupation Tax and a Non-Home Rule Municipal Service Occupation Tax (commonly referred to as a municipal sales tax”) at a rate of 1% for expenditures on public infrastructure, or property tax relief in accordance with the provisions of Sections 8-11-1.3 and 8-11-1.4 of the Illinois Municipal Code (65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.3 and 65 ILCS 5/8-11-1.4)?

**QUICK OVERVIEW**

This number represents a 1-cent tax on every dollar spent by everyone (resident and non-resident) for certain items bought in the Village of Justice. Necessities like food to be prepared at home, prescription and non-prescription medications and some medical equipment are not included in the tax. The money will be used for village infrastructure or property tax relief only as directed by Illinois law. Initially, this tax will be used for the villages’ portion of the cost of construction of the new tollway ramps. Any additional revenue will be used for street and sewer improvements as well as property tax relief within the Village of Justice.

**YES**

**NO**

**QUESTION #2**

Shall the corporate authorities (i.e., the village president and board of trustees) of the Village of Justice, Cook County, Illinois, be authorized to appoint and remove all appointed village officers and fill all appointed village offices, including temporary appointments to fill vacancies in said offices, by the concurrence of a majority of all members of the corporate authorities then holding office, for all appointed village offices with terms expiring or vacancies arising on and after May 1, 2019?

**QUICK OVERVIEW**

This referendum asks the voters whether they would consent to the mayor being required to obtain agreement of a majority of the board of trustees when selecting or removing department heads, commissioners and various appointed positions in the Village of Justice. The proposed change would necessitate that votes be cast by the entire village board and the mayor, instead of having the mayor select or remove candidates for those positions without board consent.

**YES**

**NO**

**Attend an Information Session**

WILKINS SCHOOL (In the cafeteria): 8001 S. 82nd Ave.-Justice
THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2019 7:00 PM
“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:**
- Circle J, Inc. – a Convenience Retail Store located at 8116 S. Roberts Road, Justice – (773) 842-1290
- F & G Roofing Company – a General Office for a Roofing Contractor located at 7322 Archer Road, Justice – (708) 597-5338
- Green Care Medical – a Medical Office located at 8008 W. 84th Street, Justice – (708) 966-3030
- Sky Vision, Inc. – a freight transportation business located at 8243 S. 86th Court – (708) 330-4605

**New Home Occupation Businesses:**
- Best Choice Homecare – Non-medical Elderly Care Business – (630) 936-6709
- Jmart Enterprises – Logistics/Hauling Business - (708) 368-2353
- I&R Towing Inc. – Towing Services - (708) 705-4188

**BIZ Inc. Grand Opening**
On Friday, February 1, 2019, BIZ Inc. celebrated the grand opening of their new business. BIZ Inc. provides accounting, insurance, business and trucking services. Originally located in Hickory Hills, they have opened their new location at 8648 Roberts Road in Justice. Mayor Kris Wasowicz welcomed BIZ Inc. to the Village of Justice during a ribbon cutting ceremony joined by the Village Trustees and the Chamber of Commerce.

**Save the Dates! - Building Justice Together Beautification Program**
The 2019 Justice Annual Beautification Volunteer Projects will take place in the Spring of 2019.
- **April 13, 2019** – Beautification of the Justice Welcome Signs
- **May 18, 2019** – Planting of Village Flower Pots that will be distributed to Local Justice Businesses for the season
For more information about or if you are interested in Building Justice Together and volunteering to help, please contact Matt Zarebczan by calling the Economic Development Department at (708) 458-2130.
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Building Department

FIRE SPRINKLERS AND BACK FLOW DEVICES:
This is a reminder to all single family and apartment building owners (that have fire sprinkler systems). You must have your fire sprinkler system and your back flow devices inspected and tested every year by a fire sprinkler/back flow company. You must then bring in proof of this testing to the Building Department.

VACANT PROPERTIES:
If you should notice any property that is vacant or unsecured please call the Building Department as soon as possible at 708-458-2130 during the hours of 7:00am to 4:00pm

Public Works

REMINDERS:
HOPEFULLY THE SNOW IS GONE FOR THE SEASON. HOWEVER, IN CASE OF ANY POSSIBLE SNOW FALLS, WE WOULD LIKE TO STRESS THE FOLLOWING:
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 into the 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.

PAVING: As summer gets closer, with it comes the time when Public Works will be out repaving the village streets. We would like to remind all residents not to walk up to village employees or drive behind the trucks as this is dangerous not only for the residents but for the workers as well. If you should have any questions, please call the Public Works Department at 708-458-2961 between the hours of 7:00am - 3:00pm.

CHIPPING: Chipping will start on April 15, 2019 and will be performed on Monday and Tuesday, weather permitting. This will continue thru October 29, 2019. The following rules apply:
1. Tree branches can be as long as possible but should not be more than 6 inches in diameter.
2. Branches should be placed with the cut end facing towards the street, not just thrown in a pile.
3. ROOT SYSTEMS WILL NOT BE PICKED UP OR CHIPPED.
4. PILES WITH FOREIGN OBJECTS, SOIL, STONE OR DEBRIS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED OR PICKED UP.
5. Branch chipping is a free service to the single family residents of Justice only. Chipping is free for the first 15 minutes. If there is an overabundance of branches, the homeowner will be charged $75.00 for every 15 minutes thereafter.
6. TREES CUT BY A CONTRACTOR MUST BE REMOVED BY THE CONTRACTOR IN ITS ENTIRETY, PUBLIC WORKS WILL NOT REMOVE THESE BRANCHES OR TREE TRUNKS.

YARD WASTE: (FOR SINGLE FAMILY HOMES ONLY)
If branches are cut in 36 inch lengths and placed in a container 60lbs. or less marked "Yard Waste", or in the yard waste paper bags, they will be picked up by Groot Disposal starting April 1st, 2019 and every Monday thereafter thru November 25, 2019, weather permitting. This also includes leaves, grass cuttings or weeds. You can pick up free "yard waste" stickers at the Justice Village Hall.

DRAINAGE:
Spring/Summer storms are on their way, in order to keep water run off flowing and avoid standing water, we ask that you keep all yard waste, leaves and debris out of the drainage ditches, culverts and retention ponds. This is the responsibility of the homeowner. We all need to take a part in keeping our village clean of debris to keep the storm water flowing in order to prevent flooding.
SPRING
events
SATURDAY, APRIL 13

Easter Egg Hunt
You may be surprised to know the Easter Bunny makes a special trip to the Justice Park District to deliver a fresh batch of eggs, but he does! Join us on our annual hunt to find all the eggs that rascally rabbit hid from us. Make sure to bring an Easter Basket to gather the treasures you'll find!
All Ages
10:00 am Sharp!
Commissioner's Park
FREE!

Easter EGGstravaganza
Bring the whole family for a day full of fun activities at the Community Center. We'll have creative Easter crafts, games, and photos with the Easter Bunny! All children will receive an activity punch card to participate in all activities.
All Ages
10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Community Center
Free!

Easter Basket Delivery*
Sign up today and bring you Child's personalized basket to the Community Center between April 10-12 during normal business hours. Your basket will be delivered to your child by the Easter Bunny himself on Saturday, April 13 between the hours of 1:30pm-3:00pm.
All Ages
Basket Delivery: Saturday, April 13
1:30 - 3:00 pm
Basket Drop off: Community Center
Fee: $5 per basket delivered
* All Justice Residents Eligible

SPRING BREAK
DAY CAMP
March 25-29
Jump into action and experience our Spring Break Camp! Forget about video games and television for a week and pick up the keys to your creativity. Fun is the name of the game and we will be having lots of it!

Before Camp
7:30 - 9:00 am
R/NR Fee: $10/$15
Children must be registered for Spring Break Camp

Spring Break Camp
9:00 am - 3:00 pm
R/NR Fee: $40/$45

After Camp
3:00 - 6:00 pm
R/NR Fee: $25/$35
Children must be registered for Spring Break