



## State of the Village: Mayor Krzysztof (Kris) Wasowicz



Greetings,

It is a great pleasure to finally be able to write to all residents.

There is so much to tell and share with you about all things that have happened in the Village of Justice for the last 2 years. The most important is that village is in much better shape. Our financial situation has improved, bills are being paid on time and we approved our second balanced budget. It is expected that Village of Justice should live within its means and make no additional demands on Taxpayers in this harsh economic climate. Speaking of climate, this has been a tough winter. Our Public Works Department deserves recognition for their outstanding efforts to deal with the weather.

Their first priority is to make sure

that streets are plowed and residents can go to work. After the streets are cleaned they provide a service to our seniors and clean their driveways. After this is done they do additional tasks on the Village walkways.

This is also a time, when because of freezing and thawing, you will see potholes popping up everywhere. Please contact the village and report the potholes so we can promptly fix them.

Our streets are getting older and are in bad shape. Last year our village engineers compiled list of worst streets and prepared estimates of how much it will cost to replace them. Thanks to a surplus in the budget last year we were able to resurface two streets (Oak Grove from 75th to 76th Pl and 84th Ct from 79th to the toll way). We will resurface two more streets this spring in Highlands of Justice in partnership with Justice-Willow Springs Water Commission.

We have also received a grant to build sidewalks along 79th street from Roberts Rd to Cork Ave. and we will start on this project in the spring.

We will continue to work on resurfacing and reconstruction of streets as funds become available.

Those of you that drive on Cork

must have noticed, that the big pile of dirt is gone. We have removed over 40,000 cubic yards of dirt and now we will be discussing future development of this site, which has been an eyesore for a long time.

The Village is also working hard on bringing business and commerce to the Village. To this we are in the process of establishing a 3rd TIF district on the corners of Cork Ave. and 79th St. This district will also encompass a parcel of land between Archer Ave., 79th St. and Frontage Rd. This will allow us to completely redesign and redo Frontage Rd., thus bringing needed business and revenue to the Village.

We also started working on plans for 3rd Justice Ethnic Fest. If you had a good time last year, get ready for more fun. If you would like to get involved and volunteer, don't be shy and call us.

I am glad that we're finally able to communicate to residents all that is happening in the village through a newsletter. Future newsletters will complement the Town Hall meetings that we will continue to have in regular intervals and to which we invite everybody.

Thank You,

Krzysztof (Kris) Wasowicz, Mayor

to update you regarding current issues.

It has been my sincere pleasure to serve you, the Citizens of Justice, as Village Clerk these past eight years. What an exciting time the last couple of years has been with so many positive changes occurring during this current administration.

Our new sewer and refuse bill is designed to insure your privacy and to improve the distribution and receipt of the bills through the US Mail. The bill also allows us to add the newsletter, mailed right to

your door at little additional expense. Newsletters will be included at each billing cycle, every two months. Bills are mailed on the last day of the month in February, April, June, August, October and December.

Voter registration is available on a daily basis in the Clerk's Office. A new law called "grace period registration and voting" extends the regular registration deadline by 14 days, allowing voters to register to vote up to two weeks before an election. As a result, there are new (continued on page 2)

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## Elected Officials

**Mayor**  
**Krzysztof (Kris) Wasowicz**  
**Clerk Kathleen Svoboda**

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James Gabrys  
Edward Jurgel  
Jeffery Kranig  
Mary McGee  
Michael Murray

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**School District 217**  
**Argo High School**  
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**Rent the**  
**Lipinski Community**  
**Center**  
**for your next function**

**For more info call:**  
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## Clerk's Corner: Clerk Kathy Svoboda



Welcome to the first issue of our new Village newsletter!

How truly nice it is to be able to communicate with you, the residents, to keep you informed of new or interesting information and



**Be a part of your community**



The village website is easy for all to use and very resourceful. It's "User Friendly" For residents without Internet access at home, visit the **Justice Public Library** as they provide computers and internet access free for residents to use.

*Progressive Enforcement, Dedicated Service*



*"Help the Police Department help you"*

(Continued from front page) guidelines that determine when and where you can vote if you sign up during that time. To register to vote, you must be: a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old by Election Day, and a resident of your precinct at least 30 days prior to an

election. Please contact the Clerk's office if you need assistance with registration.

Judy, Kasia, Margaret and I are always available to assist residents with notary services, passport application processing, suggestions and complaints, or to

answer any and all questions regarding Village services.

Should you need a referral to another government agency, or help with a civic problem please stop in and see me, my door is always open. Thank you,

Clerk Kathleen Svoboda

**Village Website : [www.villageofjustice.org](http://www.villageofjustice.org)**

The village website was reinvented when Mayor Wasowicz' administration began as promised. It went from a basic blank website to a very valuable source of information for all of the residents. It is fully functional, user friendly and interactive.

The website is updated almost daily. Each department has its own page/pages where they can pass on vital information to the residents. They are able to list the particular services they provide as well as list forms that residents can download, print and fill out before they come in to get

permits ect..

This is a time saving benefit to the residents and the individual departments office personnel, enhancing office proficiency and getting residents on their way faster.

The Home Page lists all of the dates and times of all Village Board, Committee, Zoning Board meetings with links to the agendas and minutes.

The Home page also has a "Quick Notes & News" section that links visitors to important information and articles of interest.

There's a complete listing of village contact phone num-

bers and email addresses on the contact directory page.

The resources and Links page has website links to schools, neighboring communities, county, state and federal agencies. There is even links to fun, interesting and useful websites for kids and adults alike.

On additional pages are many articles on village events and a complete archive of previous year's Village Board Meeting minutes and agendas.

Logon today and enjoy all that the village website has to offer.

**Police Department : Chief Gedville's Brief**

Welcome to the Justice Police Department news column. We hope that you will find some important and interesting information about the department.

2008 was a very exciting year for the Justice Police Department, with many challenges and changes.

I would like to take a moment to celebrate the individual accomplishments experienced by some of the members of our organization:

**Officer Anthony DeBella** was the 2008 "Officer of The Year" recipient.

**Corporal Michael McNamara** was

the 2008 Narcotics Enforcement Award recipient.

**Corporal Ronald Brenza** was the 2008 Traffic Safety Award recipient.

**Sergeant Mark Krummick and Corporal Lucas Wyatt** were the DUI Enforcement Award recipients.

I would also like to welcome the newest member of the department, Officer Carmen Scardine. Officer Scardine was hired in December of 2008 and he brings over fifteen (15) years of experience with him. He was an officer with another south suburban police agency prior

to his employment with our department. His experience, knowledge, and training will be an asset to the Justice Police Department.

2009 will be an exciting year for the department. We will be initiating some new community policing programs that I believe the community will enjoy.

I look forward to meeting and working with all of you during the year. You can always reach my Staff and I at: [police@villageofjustice.org](mailto:police@villageofjustice.org).

**Robert Gedville  
Chief of Police**



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your community



For all your  
Building Department  
needs including  
building permits  
call: **708-458 2130**  
or email us at:  
**permits@**  
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For all of your  
Public Works  
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The Building and Public  
Works Departments  
are located at:  
**8748 W. 82nd Place**  
both are open  
Monday through Friday  
from 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM

The Building Department  
is also open on  
Monday and Wednesday  
evenings between  
7:00 PM and 9:00 PM,  
and Saturdays  
by appointment only

## Building Department and Public Works

With the winter snow melt and Spring clean-up/fix-up just around the corner, here are some special notes for homeowners:

The Building Department maintains a professional staff that works hand in hand with residents, who wish to act as their own general contractor, walking them through their building projects. They also work with contractors, real estate agents, developers, architects, and engineers on a regular basis. Each of our inspectors are knowledgeable in their specialized areas and receive continuing education to keep up with all of the changes in building products and techniques.

The Department maintains a Contractor's Registration Program to make sure that all contractors are insured, licensed, and registered to work in the Village of Justice. All insurance and professional licenses are verified to protect residents from unscrupulous and substandard contractors. Lists of approved and registered contractors are available to residents, upon request, to help them with their additions and home improvement projects.

**Public Works Department in conjunction with the Building Department controls Storm Water Runoff**, which occurs when precipitation from rain or snowmelt flows over the ground. Impervious surfaces like driveways, sidewalks, and streets prevent storm water from naturally soaking into the ground. These runoff waters run through our sewer system into other waterways which can pollute our drinking water supply.

It is important to recycle or properly dispose of household products that contain chemicals such as insecticides, pesticides, paint, solvents, spilled brake fluid, gasoline, oil, grease, and antifreeze. Do not hose them into the street where they can eventually reach local streams and lakes. **NEVER POUR THESE ITEMS INTO STORM SEWERS.**

Excess fertilizers and pesticides applied to lawns and gardens wash off and pollute streams. In addition, yard clippings and leaves can wash into storm drains and contribute nutrients and organic matter to streams. Don't over water your lawn. Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly; and compost or mulch grass clippings, leaves, and other yard waste. Sweep up litter and debris from sidewalks, driveways and parking lots, especially around storm drains. Traditional concrete and asphalt don't allow water to soak into the ground. Instead these surfaces rely on storm drains to divert unwanted water.

In construction sites, erosion controls that are not maintained can cause excessive amounts of sediment and debris to be carried into storm water system. Divert storm water away from disturbed or exposed areas of a construction site. Install silt fences, vehicle mud removal areas, vegetative cover, and other sediment and erosion controls and properly maintain them especially after rainstorms. Prevent soil erosion by minimizing disturbed areas during construction projects seed and mulch bare areas as soon as possible.

Specially designed areas planted with native plants can provide natural places for rain-water to collect and soak into the ground. Rain from rooftop areas or paved areas can be diverted into these areas rather than into storm drains. Filter strips are areas of native grass or plants created along roadways or streams. They trap the pollutants that storm water picks up as it flows across driveways and streets.

If we all pitch in, we can alleviate pollution of our drinking water supply.

Please don't pollute and recycle whenever or whatever you can.  
Every little bit helps us all.



## Quick Notes and News



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*Each newsletter will feature a  
letter from one of the Village Trustees*

**Trustee Mary McGee:**  
**Finance and Insurance Chairman**  
[mmcgee@villageofjustice.org](mailto:mmcgee@villageofjustice.org)

It has been a very busy 20 months since being elected and becoming the Chairman of the Finance and Insurance Committee in May, 2007. I have attend several educational workshops and seminars to obtain a better understanding of municipal finances. I attended the "Newly Elected Official" seminar which was a whirlwind of information. The seminar provided basic



information about meetings, codes, budgets, and many other topics important to a new official. I also learned a lot at the 2007 Illinois Municipal League Seminar. At that seminar I attended meetings about municipal budgets and was able to obtain sample forms from other municipalities to help streamline the budget process. I also learned about motor fuel tax (MFT), how its revenues are calculated and the purposes for which MFT revenues can be used.

To help improve the Village's financial state, internal changes in Village procedures have been implemented. For example, com-

mittee of the whole budget workshops have been used for the last two budget years. These workshops are open meetings that the board and department heads come together to discuss each departments budget before the budget is approved. In addition, the Village's debt has been re-structured bringing considerable savings to the Village. As we move forward in 2009, I will continue to explore opportunities to increase revenue and decrease expenses, and when possible, implement new procedures, always working toward improving the financial state of the Village.

- **Village of Justice Spring Senior Luncheon**  
Will be on Tuesday, March 17th St. Patrick's Day, 11:30am at the Lipinski Community Center. For more information call the Clerk Svoboda's office at: 708-458-2520. To register visit the Clerk's Office at the Village Hall. Seating is limited.
- **2009 Justice Ethnic Fest and Annual Auto Show**  
Dates have been set for this years fest; August 14-16. Planning is underway and volunteers are needed. To volunteer call the Village Hall at 708-458-2520
- **April 7th is Election Day**  
This election is for local village (mayor, clerk and trustees), Township and County offices. For more info on polling places, registration and voting please call the Village Hall at: 708-458-2520 or visit [www.voterinfonet.com](http://www.voterinfonet.com)

### Justice Seniors Club

Our Dec/Jan membership drive so far has brought five new members to the club. We recently held our election of club officers and Jean Symonds is President, Andy Knizer is VP and Joan Knable has agreed to stay on as Treasurer until we can elect a new one, however we still need a secretary also.

The next hot lunch will be Tuesday, March 10. Dr. Rasmussen is the scheduled speaker and will be talking about Chiropractics and Acupuncture. The Club's 36th anniversary luncheon will be on Tuesday, May 12 and will be catered.

The Justice Seniors Club meets every 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month, 12 noon in the all purpose room, located at the Village Hall. The club is open to any Justice or Sterling Estates resident 55yrs and over. Yearly membership is \$4. We ask for \$1 at each meeting when you sign in. Sign in proceeds go towards bingo, door prize, coffee, kitchen supplies ect.. After a brief business meeting refreshments are served followed by a friendly game of bingo. Cards cost \$1 for two. Guest speakers are usually scheduled on availability.

For more information please call  
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