Message from the Mayor

Dear Friends and Neighbors,

I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather. As I drive through the village, the kids are waiting for school buses or walking to school. I can imagine a sigh of relief from most parents, who can now relax knowing their kids are in capable hands of our school teachers. With this, we are reminded that summer is almost over and fall is right around the corner.

Our street paving has been moving forward on schedule. If the weather allows, we may do some extra work to improve the quality of the infrastructure. The Public Works Department is doing a great job.

In reaching an agreement with Bridgeview, 80th Street has been repaved where the Village of Justice provided the labor and Bridgeview paid for the asphalt. 80th Street has been a source of frustration for all the residents taking their children to Wilkins Elementary School. I’m happy to have completed what we promised to get done.

The triangle property construction is well advanced. As promised by the developer, the building will be a great addition to our village. As we see further progress, we can consider this a sign of great things to come. We have to capitalize on the fact that the Justice location is a great asset. With the tollway project moving forward, we intend to take full advantage of this fact.

Our 6 months budget review was completed and we are doing an excellent job holding our expenses down. I would like to take the time to thank everyone for the fantastic job that they are doing with watching the budget not to exceed it.

Due to the combined efforts of the Building Department, Economic Development and other agencies, we have been awarded $360,000 by Invest in Cook. This additional funding will be our matching percentage of the money that will be used for the land acquisitions required by the tollway project. This is a big relief for the village’s general fund.

The Frontage Road Sidewalk Project was temporarily put on hold due to IDOT’s last minute requirement to provide an additional EPA report. Further testing was completed. We have assurance from IDOT that the sidewalk will be completed this year. This is good news to all the pedestrians, kids and people on wheelchairs that use this street on a daily basis. I’m sure they will agree with me that this is long overdue.

Our good neighbor, Bethania Cemetery, sold a portion of their land to a private developer. As you are aware, our warning siren is located on that land. Working together with Roberts Park Fire District, a grant was secured from Homeland Security to place a new siren at the Building/Public Works building and the old siren will be relocated to village hall. This way, we will cover the entire Village of Justice to improve the early warning system for our residents, so they know of approaching storms, tornadoes and other potential dangers.

I sincerely hope that everyone enjoyed our annual Auto Show. A big thanks to Trustee Allen, his wife, Lisa, and all the volunteers for working hard to make it a success.

Plans are being made for our annual Veterans Luncheon which will be held on Sunday, November 10, 2019. If you are a veteran and reside in our village, please make sure that you have registered with the village so we can include you in this event.

If you have comments, ideas or concerns, please don’t hesitate to let me know. With your help and involvement, we will be able to serve our community better and make life in our village more enjoyable and safer for all. Enjoy the rest of the summer and be safe!

Yours sincerely,

Kris Wasowicz,
Mayor / Village President

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Justice Public Library
708-496-1790
Justice Park District
708-458-1370
Hello again and welcome to another issue of the village newsletter and more information from “The Clerks Corner”. Hopefully, the village will be blessed with a nice fall season and all of the events that come with it!

I thought of taking a little time to offer up some information related to the village code of ordinances. The laws that govern the village include all Federal, State, County and Municipal Laws. As you can imagine, municipal laws are pretty specific to the community. That’s where I come in!

One of the main roles of the village clerk is to record and certify the votes of the village board for each law (ordinance) they add or amend in the book. Original Ordinances must be maintained forever by the village. I added a visual aid below to show you where there is an electronic version of the code available on our website. The book is maintained and certified by an outside service. The online version is not always 100% up to date. I am more than willing to put a little information session for residents if they would like to learn more about the code of ordinances and how they work. Leave me a message at 708.458.2655 or find me on my mobile phone at 708.625.6729. I can also show you how we maintain the ordinances here in the village!!
Economic Development

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

**New Businesses**

**Blue Star Taqueria and Margarita Bar** – a restaurant located at 8350 S. Roberts Road

**CH Truck Center** – a truck repair business located at 8211 S. 86th Court

**New Home Occupation Businesses**

**Prairie City Soap** – a home office for a home soap and bath products retail business (708) 955-5142

**NT Construction** – a home office for a general construction business (708) 307-5218

**GMC Food Services** – a home office for a personal chef business (773) 678-1557

**Economic Development Updates**

- The Annual Business Appreciation Dinner will be held in October this year at the Lipinski Community Center. Please keep an eye out for your invitation and remember to R.S.V.P.

- Justice Community Coupons for our local businesses are available! These coupons are available at participating businesses, Justice Village Hall, Justice Building Department, Justice Park District and Justice Library. If you are a business and are interested in advertising your business through the free coupon program, please contact Matt at 708-458-2130.

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Basic Information on Handling Used Oil at Home

If you are one of the many people who change their own motor oil, you too need to know how to properly manage the used oil. After all, used oil from one oil change can contaminate one million gallons of fresh water—a years’ supply for fifty (50) people! When handling used oil, be sure to take these key points into consideration:

- Used motor oil is insoluble, persistent and can contain toxic chemicals and heavy metals.
- It’s slow to degrade.
- It sticks to everything from beach sand to bird feathers.
- It’s a major source of oil contamination of waterways and can result in pollution of drinking water sources.

Are you a “Do-It Yourselfer” - do you change the oil in your car at home? On average, about four million people reuse motor oil as a lubricant for other equipment or take it to a recycling facility (Auto Zone, Firestone, Advance Auto, etc.). If you plan to recycle your used oil, take care not to spill any when you collect it and place it in a leak-proof can or container.

For more information on recycling locations, go to https://search.earth911.com

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Justice Lions Club Meetings

Are you interested in helping others and meeting new people?

Join our meetings every first Monday of the month at the Justice Village Hall—All Purpose Room at 6pm. Below are our next meeting dates:

October 7, 2019
November 4, 2019
Mobile Pantry
Free Fresh Fruit, Vegetables and Non-perishable groceries

What: The Greater Chicago Food Depository is extending its Mobile Pantry program to Lyons Township locations.

Who: Open to the public. All Lyons Township residents are encouraged to attend. We recommend that you bring your own grocery bags.

Every Third Tuesday of the Month
3:30pm-5:30pm

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For more information, please contact the Food Depository at 773-247-FOOD.

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Must be 21 or older to game. If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, crisis counseling and referral services can be accessed by calling 1-800-426-2537.
Building Department

FIRE SPRINKLERS/BACK FLOW
REMEMBER:
To all single family homes and multi-family buildings with fire sprinklers/back flow, this is a reminder that you need to have your fire sprinkler/back flow systems tested once a year by a fire sprinkler/back flow company. Confirmation of these tests must be sent to the Building Department.

DUE TO THE HIGH VOLUME OF RODENT COMPLAINTS THE FOLLOWING ORDINANCES ARE BEING STRICTLY ENFORCED:

FIRE WOOD:
Our ordinance states that fire wood must be stacked a minimum of 12 inches off the ground, behind the property and not stacked higher than the fence height. When firewood is stacked on the ground, it becomes a home for rodents, cats and other animals. Tickets of $150.00 will be issued if not in compliance.

MULTI-FAMILY:
Must show proof of rodent control before the multi-family license payment is accepted and issued.

TALL GRASS AND WEEDS:
Grass and weeds cannot be over 8 inches high. Warnings will no longer be issued. If we see grass and weeds that exceed this height, a ticket will be issued immediately.

DEBRIS:
Tickets will be issued for any accumulation of debris, garbage, junk or construction debris left on property.

PERMITS:
If you have a building project of any kind, always call the Building Department at 708-458-2130 to check if a permit is required.

Don’t forget to check the batteries on your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors.

Public Works

STREET PAVING:
Street paving has started for the summer. For your safety and the safety of the Public Works employees, DO NOT STOP to talk to, or ask questions to anyone working on village streets. If you see Public Works working on/paving village streets and have a question, request or any concerns, please contact Public Works at 708-458-2961. We will be glad to help you with any concerns.

Ordinance Sec. 10-12. Injury to New Pavement.
It shall be unlawful to walk upon or drive any vehicle or animal upon or injure any newly laid street or sidewalk pavement while the same is guarded by warning sign or barricade, or to knowingly injure any soft, newly laid pavement.

DRAINAGE:
Summer storms are here and 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 drainage ditches, retention ponds and especially around sewers. With your help, we can keep water flowing properly.

Also, in order to prevent further flooding issues, we will be checking certain areas to prevent illegal activity causing blockage in or on the sewers. This includes any garbage, furniture, yard debris and especially used oil. Tickets could possibly be issued if caught.

DRAINAGE EASEMENT:
All residents are prohibited to alter, in any way, the side and rear yard drainage easements and ditches. Dumping yard waste, branches or leaves is also not allowed.

These easements and ditches are designed to carry storm water to sewers and detention ponds. Easements and ditches that have been altered must be returned to their original condition or homeowner could face being summoned into court and fines being issued.
Justice Park District

FALL EVENTS

House Decorating Contest
Register by 10/22
Judging
Thurs., October 24
7:00 pm
*All Justice Residents eligible

Pumpkin Patch
Sat., October 26
12:00-3:00 pm
Commissioner’s Park
7747 S. Oak Grove Avenue
Costume Contest, Arts & Crafts, Pumpkin Patch, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, Games & more family fun..... *Minimal fee for activities

Haunted Story Telling*Kid Friendly
Fri., October 25
8:00 pm
Commissioner’s Park
7747 S. Oak Grove Avenue

Connect with us for class updates & news! 7747 South Oak Grove Ave. Justice, IL 60458 (708) 458-1370 www.justiceparkdistrict.org