



## **From the Clerk's Department**

The Clerk's Department is now open EVERY Saturday 9 AM to 12 PM until Labor Day weekend.

Yard Waste stickers are now available for purchase until November. Cost is \$2.40 each or \$12.00 per sheet of 5

Vehicle stickers and beach tags went on sale May 1, 2014. Please remember your current vehicle sticker expires **June 30, 2014**. All vehicles are required to have a valid sticker visible in the lower right hand corner of the windshield. Stickers or permits are also required to park at either beach.

**The Clerks Department will have extended hours June 23rd through June 30th.**

**Monday June 23rd through Friday June 27 and Monday June 30th we will be open 10am - 4pm. We will be closed 12:30pm-1pm for lunch on these days.**

**Saturday hours remain the same 9am - Noon. Tuesday/Thursday evening hours will also remain the same 6pm-8pm.**

Please keep in mind we cannot accept bills over \$20 (unless your purchase meets or exceeds \$50/\$100).

Hours:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 11 AM until 2 PM.

Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6 PM until 8 PM

Every Saturday 9 AM until 12 Noon.

CHECK THE [WEBSITE](#) for hours OR CALL 815-444-9435 and LISTEN to the recording or READ THE INFORMATIONAL BOARD on the front door for hours as well.

## **From The Police Department**

As the summer season has arrived and the beaches are open we have a few reminders for everyone;

Please make sure that you have purchased a new Village Sticker for the 2014 / 2015 year by June 30th. The Village Sticker must be completely applied to the lower right hand corner of your vehicle windshield. You will also need either a Village Sticker or a Non-Resident parking permit to park at the beaches. If you do not have either of these you may receive a parking citation.

Please remember that the speed limit in the area of the beaches and park is **20 MPH**. **Please use caution when driving as children are out of school and playing outside**

Please keep in mind that alcohol is not allowed at the beaches or the Village Park.

When walking dogs you must keep them on a leash. It is your responsibility to pick up after your dog too. Please help keep our village clean.

Thanks and have a fun and safe summer,

Peter Goldman  
Chief of Police

## **From the President**

Road patching will begin for the entire village this month. You may be asked to move your car to allow work to begin in your area.

The summer forecast is calling for a wetter than normal summer, so please keep your culverts free from balls and leaves and lawn debris. There is a new ordinance in effect that was passed a few months ago which prohibits someone from making any change to the culvert and or swale without permission from the board. The flow of water cannot be obstructed or changed. If you have questions please contact our building inspector, Ken Smith.

We will not be spraying for mosquitos. Meeting with the experts last year we have determined that it is not cost effective. We found that the fogging is only effective for about 72 hours. We cannot treat the fen or forested area and Prairie Grove is not fogging as well, so even if we did treat, the mosquitos from the untreated areas would be flying in. In order to keep the population of mosquitos down, please remove items on your property that can collect water that would remain stagnant.

\* We are treating the park area with a deterrent on the day of the concert in the park so we can have a pleasant evening without mosquitos.

As I mentioned before the next community event is the Concert in the Park with the Crystal Lake Community Band. It is set for Tuesday evening July 15 at 7 p.m. with a rain date of Tuesday July 22 at 7 p.m. Hope we see a lot of people out for this first time event and make them feel welcome.

If anyone has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me at 815-444-9435 Ext. 50 or you can email me at [Mfunk@oakwoodhills.org](mailto:Mfunk@oakwoodhills.org)

President Funk

## **Informational Corner**

MFT FUNDS (Motor Fuel Tax)

**WHAT ARE THEY?:** Each Village or Town in this state receives these funds from the State of Illinois.

These funds are separate from the villages operating budget and can only be used for road related expenses such as: Road Signs, Road Maintenance, Street Lighting, Traffic Lights, Under Road Infrastructure.

**WHERE DO THEY COME FROM?:** Everyone who buys gasoline in the State of Illinois pays into the MFT fund. The state receives a certain amount of money from each gas transaction. Each Village or Town receives funds based on the population of the town or village.

**HOW MUCH DOES OUR VILLAGE RECEIVE?:** We average about 60,000 per year at the present time

## **Signs**

Please do not place signs on the Village right of Ways or affix signs to any poles in the village. Some of our street sign poles are full of staples and are being ruined. This includes but is not limited to garage sale, for sale and real estate signs. Thank you for your cooperation.

## **Wellness Check**

If you have an elderly neighbor please take the time to check in on them. If you have a concern contact the Village Police at 815-444-9453.

## **Garbage**

Garbage cannot be put out earlier than the evening before the scheduled pick up day. If you have a large item you must call Waste Management for a special pick up. If you put out an item that did not get picked up you must remove it from the edge of the street or your driveway. You will be ticketed if you leave objects out on the curb area.

## **Yard Waste**

All yard waste must be put into a brown lawn bag and have a yard waste sticker attached. Stickers may be purchased at the village hall and at the Cary Jewel. There is no free pick up in the spring.

## **Spring Clean-Up**

This was a very harsh winter and along with the drought a couple of years back there seems to be a lot of dead foliage. It would be so nice if you could remove any dead foliage from your properties. If you are elderly or handicapped and the project is too big please contact the Village President by email and she will try to get you some free help as long as it does not involve large trees. Please do not place large yard items curbside unless you have asked Waste Management for special pick up and attached a yard waste ticker to the item. Please watch the Village website or emails for any updates concerning possible large yard item pick up's.

If you are in Algonquin Township all brush and branches,(no leaf bags) can be dropped off on the LAST Saturday of each month.

If you are in Nunda Township all brush and branches, (no leaf bag) can be dropped off all the time.

## **Leaf Burning Survey Results**

Thank you to those that responded to our survey on possibly making our leaf burning ordinance more strict. From those that responded more people were in favor of NO LEAF BURNING ALLOWED compared to those that were in favor of just keeping the current county ordinance. HOWEVER, there was not enough of a spread in opinion to warrant changing the ordinance at this time.

We are enforcing the **County Ordinance** which was not being done before and I do believe this has made a difference in the amount of burning going on. If you are burning there will no longer be a warning, you will be issued a citation. You must be 100 Ft. away from another resident in order to burn leaves and lawn debris. Please know that your fire pits used for wood log burning are allowed only for that purpose and nothing else.

If you have any questions you can visit the McHenry County website ordinance page or the Village website under ordinances as well. You can also call the PD if you are uncertain.

## **Permits**

Now that the nice weather is approaching many of you may be considering home improvements such as decks, sheds, fences, roofs, driveways, etc. (sealcoating DOES NOT require a permit)

\*Any docks, sea walls, or changes to your shoreline must also have a permit from the county in addition to one from the village.

Please check with the building department 815-444-9437 to see if you need a permit for your project.

## **Community Events**

On Tuesday July 15th at 7 PM there will be a free concert in the North Park given by the Crystal Lake Community Band. There are approximately 80 members of the band that will play a variety of tunes for the whole family to enjoy. Bring a blanket and a bite to eat and come and show your support for this great local band.

In September we will be having our fishing derby at the North Beach. The date is yet to be decided. Tentatively it will be the Saturday of Labor Day weekend. Lots of fun prizes not to mention the fun of seeing what you can catch. Hopefully we can get more girls out this year.

In October we will be having Halloween in the Park. No date is set at this time.

In December our 2nd annual Christmas Tree lighting. No date set at this time.

We would like to encourage residents to attend the Board and Committee meetings; as well as, volunteer for our many events. We need the help and there is plenty to do. Please call the Village and leave your name and phone number and you will be contacted.

## **Com Ed Customer Care Program Outreach**

Please click on the link below to learn more about the Com Ed Customer Care Program to assist their customers facing financial hardship during this extreme winter season.

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