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## Mayor's Message



Mayor Jeff Pruyn

With summer arriving early this year, the warm weather of April prompted many of us to tackle the clutter that has accumulated over the past year. The Village's Annual Green Day Recycling event on May 4<sup>th</sup> had remarkable attendance, demonstrating our community's dedication to reducing waste and protecting the environment. I would like to extend a special thanks to the sponsors of this event, Itasca Bank & Trust, Cool DuPage County, eWorks Electronics Services, Republic Services, SCARCE, Working Bikes, ProShred, and Fellowes. Thanks to their support, items such as cooking oil, used engine oil, small batteries, cardboard, paper, clothes, computer cords, ink, prescription medications, and more were diverted from landfills and properly recycled. Though each contribution may seem small on its own, over the last 15 years, these collective efforts have amounted to significant progress in building a cleaner and more sustainable community.

If the turnout of the Green Day Event indicates what is to come, this summer season will be filled with community engagement and excitement. Looking ahead, mark your calendars for the Memorial Parade on Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, starting at 9:30 a.m. at Washington and Princeton. For the complete parade route, please visit the Village's website. Following the parade, join us at Usher Park for the Memorial Day Ceremony, honoring our veterans. I'm grateful to the Itasca Park District for co-sponsoring this event. I want to thank Park President Linda Aiani, Director Maryfran Leno, and the Park Board for their continuous support in providing enriching experiences for our community, including everything from concerts in the park to movies under the stars.

Our collaboration with the Park District has also led to significant projects that enhance the quality of life in our community. One such project is the Ray Franzen Pedestrian Walkway, which is set to connect the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary with the Springlake Business Park later this year. This walkway will improve walkability and promote a greater sense of unity within our village. This project will be funded in part by a \$600,000 grant from the State of Illinois Department of Natural Resources, which was recently awarded to us.

Additionally, our partnership with the Park District has resulted in joint plans to revitalize Usher Park. After obtaining another \$600,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, the Village and Park District will each be contributing funding to enhance the

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park with a new performance gazebo, interpretative trails, natural play areas, and more in 2025. This collaborative effort highlights our commitment to creating inclusive spaces for all community members to enjoy.

As we look forward to the summer months, I can't help but anticipate one of my favorite events: the Itasca Fireworks display, co-sponsored by Hamilton Partners. Set for Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>, it promises to be a spectacular show.

Of course, nothing says summer in Itasca like ItascaFest. In partnership with the Itasca Lions Club, ItascaFest returns from July 11<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup>, offering fun and excitement for all ages. Take advantage of the early bird special for ride passes, which go on sale starting in early July.

## Administrator's Message

In today's world, where differences often dominate the headlines, I wanted to focus on the importance of coming together. As Mayor Pruyne mentioned in his message, working together has been a cornerstone of our community. You might assume this level of cooperation is common everywhere, but in my experience, it is not. In many places, working together only emerges during crises such as natural disasters or tragic events. However, here in Itasca, hardly a week passes by without one intergovernmental body partnering with or providing resources to another.

Our collaborative approach extends beyond our town borders—we also maintain strong working relationships with our neighboring communities. In 2022, when we heard about the merger between Canadian Pacific and Kansas City, Itasca took immediate action to protect its residents and their quality of life. We knew standing with others would make a more significant impact than standing alone, so we joined forces with seven other nearby towns to oppose the merger. Drawing on my experience with train mergers, I took the lead in organizing this group and guiding our efforts forward.

Together, we pooled our resources, connections, and expertise to hire attorneys, engineers, and other rail experts. Our hard work paid off with a longer-than-usual seven-year oversight period and set the stage for important safety improvements along the tracks.

Our collaboration also led to wins closer to home. With the support of Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, a strong opponent of the merger, our Fire District secured \$2.5 million in federal funding. This money will help build a new station north of the railroad tracks, ensuring that residents on the north side of town won't have their emergency services affected by train delays.

In addition to the Coalition, Itasca is part of the DuPage Mayor's and Manager's Conference (DMMC), a conference of Mayors and Managers who collectively advocate for State policy changes



Carie Anne Ergo

While our community certainly enjoys events that celebrate summer, I'm thrilled to introduce a new occasion that celebrates the everyday actions of our residents. On Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, the Village will host its first-ever Itasca Impact Awards, spotlighting those who go above and beyond to make a difference in our community. We invite you to help us recognize these unsung heroes who truly define us and embody the spirit of Itasca. Nominate someone who is making positive changes in our community. For more details, please see below or visit our website.

As you'll discover in the newsletter, there's plenty happening in Itasca this summer. I urge you to take advantage of all that Itasca has to offer and make memories that will bring laughter for years to come. May your summer be as enjoyable as mine is every year. Have a great summer and I hope to see you around town.

that impact DuPage communities. In April, Mayor Pruyne, Trustee Gavanis, and I, along with others from DMMC, went to Springfield to talk to lawmakers about restoring the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF). Since 2011, we've lost \$8.7 million because of State cuts to LGDF. That's money we could have used to fix streets, replace sidewalks, and upgrade our sewer system. As a non-home rule community, we depend heavily on this funding. Until LGDF is restored, we'll continue to advocate alongside our neighbors to ensure our voices are heard.

As you can see, there's immense power in unity compared to division. Together, we can accomplish far more than when we stand alone. This summer, I encourage you to join in community events where trust is nurtured through shared experiences. Take the opportunity to foster positive connections and enhance the strength of our community.

## Itasca Impact Awards

Itasca is a vibrant community thanks to the remarkable contributions of its residents. That's why we're excited to introduce the Itasca Impact Awards, an event dedicated to honoring those who've significantly impacted our community.

Do you know someone whose dedication has greatly enriched our community? Nominate them for one of our award categories: Business Brilliance, Civic Excellence, Community Builder, Guiding Light, Hometown Hero, Neighborhood Gem, or Rising Star. Nominations are open until Friday, July 26<sup>th</sup>.

Then join us on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, as we honor these exceptional individuals. Together let's celebrate their achievements and acknowledge their role in shaping Itasca. For more information or to submit your nominations, please visit the Village's website at [itasca.com/impactawards](https://itasca.com/impactawards).



# Business Spotlight

Have you visited Joe Donut yet? Located within the Ricky Rockets Fuel Center at 1221 N. Rohlwing Road, this hidden gem has been delighting customers with delicious breakfast and lunch dishes for a full year, thanks to two employees/owners, Jon Steinberg and Ofelia Gonzalez. According to Jon, their success stems from their ability to cater to a wide variety of needs. Whether you're grabbing a quick bite on the go or enjoying a meal in the indoor or outdoor seating areas, Joe Donut has something for everyone.

Jon also shared, "The Village of Itasca has been incredibly welcoming and supportive of our business. We've participated in various community events, such as Coffee with the Mayor and other smaller events. As we continue to settle in, we're eager to be part of Itasca's close-knit community."

Conveniently located near the highway, Joe Donut is the perfect stop to refuel both your stomach and car before hitting the road. They also offer catering services to ensure your graduation or



*If you are a small business owner in town and would like to be featured in our next edition, please contact [commdev@itasca.com](mailto:commdev@itasca.com) with your information.*

summer party is a delicious success.

For more information about their menu, hours of operation, and catering services, visit their website at [joedonut.com/](http://joedonut.com/).



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Itasca Means Business*

The Village of Itasca is proud to be a premier destination for all types of businesses and would like to extend a warm welcome to the following companies who recently received Village Board approval to operate in our town:

## **Alonti Catering Kitchen – 1260 W. Irving Park Road**

Alonti Catering provides delicious catering to people at work in Itasca and Greater Chicago. Whether you need breakfast for a morning meeting, lunch for training, or a holiday office party, they do it all! For more information, visit [Alonti.com](http://Alonti.com).

## **Extra Space Storage – 1220 Norwood Avenue**

You may have noticed changes at 1220 Norwood Avenue this past year. The building transformed from a 1-story tile warehouse to a 3-story storage facility with 99,969 square feet and 952 units. The building features a drive-thru loading area, climate control, and advanced security. The facility is managed by Extra Space Storage, a leading publicly self-storage REIT that operates more than 3,500 storage facilities. To rent units or learn more about Extra Space Storage, please visit [extraspace.com](http://extraspace.com).

## **FNS, Inc. – 1375 E. Irving Park Road**

FNS provides total logistics services, including warehouse design, business intelligence, automation, management systems, 4PL Consultation, and network routing. For more information, visit: <https://www.fnsusa.com/>.

## **Nagase Holdings American Corporation – 300 Park Boulevard, Suite 500**

Nagase Holdings America Corporation is part of the Nagase Group, a global company with diverse business operations, including regional management, investment and asset management, and professional services. For more information visit: [nagaseamerica.com](http://nagaseamerica.com).

## Summer Dining

As the summer approaches, it's the perfect time to support local businesses in Itasca and enjoy the warm weather. We have a variety of restaurants with outdoor seating, perfect for soaking up the sun and enjoying a meal with friends and family.

Eaglewood's Prairie River Restaurant, located at 1401 Nordic, features a spacious patio overlooking its picturesque golf course. During the summer, the restaurant often hosts concerts on the patio.

For a casual outing, Tree Guys, located at 101 Irving Park Road, features a large private deck where you can relax and catch up while enjoying their famous pizza.

At Itasca Country Club, the Fox and Turtle restaurant (400 E. Orchard Street) provides outdoor seating with stunning views of their golf course.

For a fun night out, Church Street Brewing Company (1480 Industrial Drive) hosts monthly events and offers a variety of craft beers. Alternatively, head to BarleyHaus (500 Park Blvd) and enjoy their Biergarten with music and games.

Cool off from the heat by stopping by Fulla Beans at 102 Irving Park Road for one of their famous shakes. Relax at the outdoor seating or take a leisurely walk around Usher Park.



## New Hires, Promotions, & Retirements



The Itasca Police Department is pleased to introduce its newest officer, Joe Battaglia. Officer Battaglia officially joined the Itasca Police Department team on March 18, 2024. A graduate of the Suburban Law Enforcement Academy, Officer Battaglia has worked in law enforcement for over nine years. When he's not on the job, Joe enjoys spending time with his wife, son, and daughter, cooking, golfing, and working out.

In discussing his new role, Officer Battaglia stated, "I am very excited to continue my law enforcement career with the Itasca Police Department. I look forward to serving this great community in any way possible."

Join us in welcoming him to the community by saying hello. You will have plenty of opportunities at one of our events this summer to do so.

## Congrats Graduates

Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Peacock class and Lake Park seniors as you celebrate this significant milestone in your academic journey! Your time in middle school and high school began amidst the challenges of the



COVID-19 pandemic, yet you have navigated through with determination and adaptability. From adapting to virtual learning to embracing hybrid schedules, you have showcased your ability to overcome obstacles and embrace change.

As you move forward into the next chapter of your lives, remember the strength and perseverance you have demonstrated along the way. Your experiences have equipped you with valuable skills and insights that will undoubtedly serve you well in your future pursuits. The world is full of opportunities awaiting your exploration, and we have every confidence that you will continue to achieve remarkable success. Congratulations once again, graduates!

## CPR Classes



Did you know the Fire District offers CPR classes for residents and businesses? Upcoming classes are May 30<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Hands-on learning with certified

instructors will teach you critical skills to perform CPR. Class fees are \$35 for residents. Visit [itascafd.org](https://itascafd.org), select Public Education, to learn more, and reserve your spot.



## Shape of Itasca

Mark your calendars for the 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Shape of Itasca on Thursday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. For those unfamiliar, the Shape of Itasca is a yearly town hall meeting where representatives from Itasca's public taxing bodies—the Village, Park District, Fire District, School District, and Library—gather to discuss their achievements over the past year and unveil upcoming plans. Stop by the Village Hall at 7:00 p.m. to participate in this informative session or watch the Shape live on the Village's YouTube channel.

## Block Parties and Special Events: Everything You Need to Know

### Block Parties

Hosting a block party is a great way to get involved in the community and meet your neighbors. To schedule a block party, first obtain a permit by filling out the application on the Village's website at [itasca.com/specialevents](https://itasca.com/specialevents). You will need to answer a few questions about the details of the party, such as the date and time, the area that will be closed off, and where barricades are to be delivered. Only moveable barriers – which will be dropped off and picked up by Village workers – can be used to control traffic. Blocking streets with vehicles is prohibited.

### Special Events

To ensure events held in the community are safe, the Village requires event organizers to obtain special event permits. A special event is any event occurring on publicly owned, leased, or maintained property or on private property that significantly impacts the community.

Events such as graduation parties or weddings on private property do not require a special permit but may require notification to the Village if they impact traffic or involve outdoor music. More information and applications are available online at [itasca.com/specialevents](https://itasca.com/specialevents). Permit applications should be submitted at least 30 days before the special event to ensure timely processing.



## Summer Reading Clubs

Join one of the Library's *Read, Renew, Repeat* Summer Reading Clubs. Read books and earn fun prizes from May 28<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>!

### Adult Reading Club

Adults who finish reading three books can claim a finisher prize and enter a drawing for one of three grand prizes. With each additional book, participants earn further entries for grand prizes. All participants get a sign-up prize. Grand prizes include gift cards and a membership to The Morton Arboretum.

### Youth & Teen Reading Clubs

Kids and teens from birth through high school can earn prizes for reaching reading time goals. In addition to earning prizes for reading, visit the Library regularly to spin their prize wheel and enter weekly drawings.



## Ride with Responsibility

As summer arrives, it invites us to enjoy the outdoors and take part in the various events around town. Biking, walking, and skateboarding have become common ways of getting around during this season. Before hopping on your bike, take a moment to brush up on some safety tips, to ensure that you have a summer filled with enjoyment and safety.



- **Be alert:** Cyclists should watch out for vehicles backing out of driveways. Remember that just because you can see the car, doesn't mean that the car can see you.
- **Helmet Use:** Helmets should always be worn to protect against head injuries.
- **Share the Roadway:** Ride on the right side of the road in a straight, predictable path, and always be aware of traffic.
- **Controlled Speed:** Ride at a safe pace. Village ordinances states that electric motorized vehicles like scooters and bikes must not exceed 10 miles per hour.
- **Remember all unlicensed gas-powered vehicles,** such as dirt bikes, golf carts, minibikes, and go-karts are prohibited on all village streets and sidewalks. Ride only in areas where you are permitted to do so.
- **Traffic Rules Adherence:** Obey traffic signals, utilize clear hand signals, and ride in the direction of traffic flow.
- **Lock Up Your Bike:** Help prevent a crime of opportunity by securely locking your bike when not in use.

For more information on the Village of Itasca's local ordinances regarding motorized unlicensed personal vehicles, please visit our website at [Itasca.com](http://Itasca.com).

## Fish with the Cops

Join us at Happy Acres on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, anytime between 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. for a morning of fishing fun with members of the Itasca Police Department. Bring your fishing gear and bait for a chance to reel in some freshly stocked catfish, courtesy of the Itasca Lions Club, at our tranquil pond. If you happen to catch a tagged fish, remember to remove it carefully and bring it to this year's ItascaFest for a chance to win a prize in the annual fishing contest.



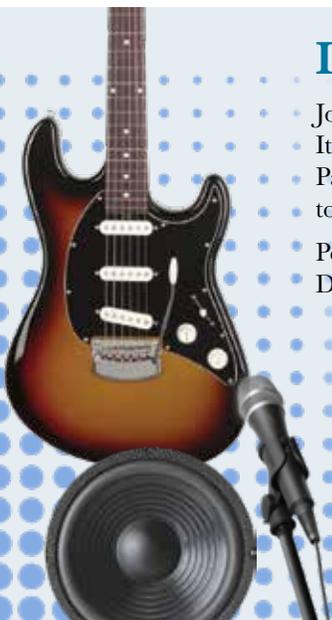
Don't worry if the fish aren't biting. Officers will be serving hot dogs, chips, and soda for everyone to enjoy. Keep an eye out for the Kona Ice truck, which will be ready to serve delicious cold treats throughout the Fishing with the Cops event.

## Itasca Summer Concert Series

Join us for six free outdoor family concerts at Usher Park this summer, starting June 5<sup>th</sup>! Sponsored by the Village of Itasca and Park District, this concert series offer a wonderful opportunity to enjoy live music amidst the beauty of Usher Park. We'll supply the music; all you need to bring is your lawn chairs and a picnic basket. Don't miss this opportunity to reconnect with neighbors and friends, soak up the summer air, and enjoy some amazing music.

Performances will be cancelled if there is inclement weather. Check out [itascaparkdistrict.com](http://itascaparkdistrict.com) or the Itasca Park District's Facebook page for cancellations.

- June 5 – “Roger That” - Oldies from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Usher Park
- June 19 – “Mr. Myers” - Beach Party from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Usher Park
- July 17 – “Strung Out” - Classic Country from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Usher Park
- July 31 – “Rhythm & Rockets” - Vingate Rhythm & Blues from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Usher Park
- August 7 – “Soda” - Cover Band from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at Usher Park. Capannari Ice Cream will be available to purchase.
- August 21 – “Prissillas” - Women Who Rock! from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at the Depot Museum



# Celebrate Our Community

To register for a library event, please call (630) 773-1699 or visit [www.itascalibrary.org](http://www.itascalibrary.org). To register for a Park District event, please call (630) 773-2257 or visit [www.itascaparkdistrict.com](http://www.itascaparkdistrict.com).



**Thurs., May 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**Shape of Itasca**  
 Village of Itasca  
 7:00 p.m.

All are invited to attend this traditional town hall meeting, where leaders from each taxing body will be present to discuss their accomplishments and plans for the upcoming year.



**Mon., June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Family Storytime**  
 Library  
 10:00 a.m.

Join the Library every Monday through August 5<sup>th</sup> for captivating storytelling sessions and interactive activities for children aged 6 and under.



**Mon., June 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Birds of DuPage County**  
 Library  
 7:00 p.m.

Join the DuPage Birding Club for an evening to explore our county and its bountiful birding opportunities.



**Wed., June 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Itasca Outdoor Concert Series**  
 Usher Park  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a free outdoor family concert this summer.  
 Band: Roger That.  
 Music: Oldies



**Thurs., June 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kona Ice Summer Reading Club Kick-off Party**  
 Library  
 6:00 p.m.

Kick-off this year's summer reading club with games, crafts, and a free Kona Ice! Drop in anytime between 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and join the celebration.



**Sat., June 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Flock Party**  
 Springbrook Nature Center  
 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join Wings and Talons at the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Flock Party! Learn about the importance of birds of prey in our natural environment and participate in educational games and activities.



**Wed., June 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Medicare 101**  
 Library  
 6:30 p.m.

Medicare Solutions Network will get you up to speed on what Medicare covers, what it doesn't, and your potential out-of-pocket expenses.



**Tues., June 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**Summer Park Party**  
 Franzen Park  
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate summer with parties in the park! Join the Park District and Village for games, contests, crafts, music, entertainment, and more!



**Wed., June 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Itasca Outdoor Concert Series**  
 Usher Park  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a free outdoor family concert this summer.  
 Band: Mr. Myers  
 Music: Beach Party



**Sun., June 23<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Fish with the Cops**  
 Happy Acres  
 9:30 – 12:30 p.m.

Join Itasca Police officers for fishing, hot dogs, and chips. Enjoy a fun day bonding and reeling in big catches.



**Tues., June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kids Chess Club**  
 Library  
 2:00 p.m.

Do you enjoy playing chess or want to learn how? Join other kids to play and learn every Tuesday through July 16<sup>th</sup>. Chess sets are provided.



**Tues., June 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**2024 Pup Cup**  
 Barking Lot Dog Park  
 4:00 p.m.

Dogs will go for the gold as they score goals and show off their soccer skills. There will be a puppuccino bar and the opportunity to take soccer-themed pictures with your dog.



**Thurs., July 4<sup>th</sup>**  
**Fourth of July Celebration**  
 Hamilton Lakes  
 9:45 p.m.

Join us on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Lakes as Itasca hosts the largest fireworks display in the Chicagoland area. The park opens at 4:30 p.m., with fireworks beginning at 9:45 p.m.



**Mon., July 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ben's Bubble Show**  
 Library  
 2:00 p.m.

With some art, science, and a touch of magic, Ben will create bubble sculptures in this interactive show the whole family will enjoy.



**Thurs., July 11<sup>th</sup>**  
**ItascaFest**  
 Washington Park  
 6:00 – 11:00 p.m.

Join us at ItascaFest, the annual family fun event! Enjoy delicious food, lively music, entertaining performances, and the vibrant atmosphere of our carnival.



**Fri., July 12<sup>th</sup>**  
**ItascaFest**  
 Washington Park  
 6:00 p.m. – Midnight

Join us at ItascaFest, the annual family fun event! Enjoy delicious food, lively music, entertaining performances, and the vibrant atmosphere of our carnival.

# Celebrate Our Community



**Sat., July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**ItascaFest**  
 Washington Park  
 Noon-Midnight

Join us at ItascaFest, the annual family fun event! Enjoy delicious food, lively music, entertaining performances, and the vibrant atmosphere of our carnival.



**Sun., July 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**ItascaFest**  
 Washington Park  
 Noon – 11:00 p.m.

Join us at ItascaFest, the annual family fun event! Enjoy delicious food, lively music, entertaining performances, and the vibrant atmosphere of our carnival.



**Wed., July 17<sup>th</sup>**  
**Itasca Outdoor Concert Series**  
 Usher Park  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a free outdoor family concert this summer.  
 Band: Strung Out.  
 Music: Classic Country



**Wed., July 24<sup>th</sup>**  
**Ice Cream with Cops & Firefighters**  
 Usher Park  
 11:30 a.m.

Enjoy ice cream, fun, and games with the Itasca Police Officers and Firefighters. Free ice cream is provided by the Itasca Bank & Trust.



**Thurs., July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Adult Craft Swap**  
 Library  
 6:00 p.m.

Love crafts and looking for some new materials? Browse the Library's craft swap and take home some new-to-you supplies.



**Wed., July 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Movie in the Park**  
 Washington Park  
 8:30 p.m.

Gather the whole family for a movie in the park! Dress the kids in their pajamas, bring blankets, and remember the snacks for a fun outdoor movie experience.



**Sat., July 27<sup>th</sup>**  
**Christmas in July**  
 Springbrook Nature Center  
 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Celebrate Christmas in July! Enjoy early shopping at the Arts and Crafts Fair, photos with Santa, tasty treats, and activities. Support Friends of Springbrook Nature Center with a donation for a wineglass and free wine tasting.



**Wed., July 31<sup>st</sup>**  
**Itasca Outdoor Concert Series**  
 Usher Park  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a free outdoor family concert this summer.  
 Band: Rhythm & Rockets.  
 Music: Vintage Rhythm & Blues



**Sat., August 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Lake Park Marching Band Fundraiser**  
 Village-wide

The Lake Park Marching Band will be in Itasca for its biggest fundraiser of the year. Your generosity will help fund its 2024-2025 season and beyond. Interested in sponsorship? Email Jess Finn at [jfynn@lakeparkband.com](mailto:jfynn@lakeparkband.com).



**Tues., August 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**National Night Out**  
 Itasca Municipal Complex  
 5:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Come and enjoy this free family fun event. Activities will be held at the Itasca Waterpark, Library, Municipal Complex, and Fire Station.



**Wed., August 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Itasca Outdoor Concert Series**  
 Usher Park  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a free outdoor family concert this summer.  
 Band: Soda.  
 Music: Cover Band



**Wed., August 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**Itasca Outdoor Concert Series**  
 Depot Museum  
 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Come enjoy a free outdoor family concert this summer.  
 Band: Prissillas.  
 Music: Woman Who Rock



**Save the Date**  
**Fri., September 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sat., September 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**Oktoberfest**

Mark your calendars early for Oktoberfest! Enjoy authentic German food, live music, and fun activities for the whole family. We can't wait to see you soon for an unforgettable celebration!



**Save the Date**  
**Sun., September 8<sup>th</sup>**  
**Itasca Impact Awards**  
 Washington Park

Join us for the Itasca Impact Awards, celebrating residents who make a difference in our community. Stay tuned for more details on our website and in the fall newsletter. Don't miss out on this special event!

## Fourth of July Fireworks

Join us on July 4<sup>th</sup> at Hamilton Lakes for an unforgettable Fourth of July celebration! The grounds open at 4:30 p.m., offering a variety of picnic-style food from various food trucks. Don't miss Church Street Brewing, serving their renowned craft beers. This year, we're excited to introduce a new kids' entertainment section, promising endless fun for the little ones. At 6:45 p.m., get ready to enjoy the tunes of Maggie Speaks as they set the stage for the breathtaking fireworks display at 9:45 p.m. Admission is free, but please note that on-site parking is \$25.00 per car, cash only. For more information on the show or how to get to the grounds, please visit [itasca.com](http://itasca.com).



## ItascaFest 2024

For over thirty years, the Itasca Lions Club, the Village of Itasca, and the Itasca Park District have united to bring summer celebrations to the community. This year, ItascaFest will run from Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, to Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>. Over four days, more than 30,000 visitors will enjoy various family-friendly activities, including food, games, bingo, and live music!



This year's musical lineup features Form, South of Disorder, Boy Band Review, Lake Effect, Petty Kings, Arra, Throwback Jukebox, Brass from the Past, and Think Floyd. Sponsored by Itasca Bank and Trust, the family entertainment lineup includes performances by Lester and Susan, Andy Head, Mary Macaroni, and many others, all free of charge!

Early bird tickets for unlimited rides will be available for purchase at the Park District, Village Hall, and the Itasca Community Library beginning in July.

### Music Schedule:

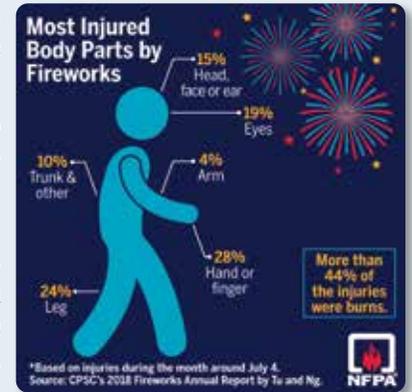
- Thurs., July 11<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 - 10:30 p.m., Band: Form
- Fri., July 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Band: South of Disorder;  
9:00 - 11:00 p.m., Band: Boy Band Review
- Sat., July 13<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 - 5:00 p.m., Band: Lake Effect;  
6:00 - 8:00 p.m., Band: Petty Kings;  
9:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m., Band: Arra
- Sun., July 14<sup>th</sup> - 3:00 - 4:30 p.m., Band: Throw Back Jukebox;  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m., Band: Brass from the Past;  
8:30 - 10:30 p.m., Band: Think Floyd

## Brilliant Lights, Safe Nights

In our Village, we love fireworks. However, our priority is always safety, which is why we organize a free annual show managed by professionals. While the temptation to create your own dazzling displays may be strong, it's important to remember that consumer fireworks are illegal in Illinois, and for good reason. Amateur displays pose risks, including fires, injuries, and property damage.

### Consider the following statistics:

- Nearly 20,000 fires are sparked by fireworks each year.
- In July alone, 44% of emergency room-treated injuries are burn-related.
- Half of fireworks-related injuries treated in emergency rooms affect the hands, fingers, or legs, while over 30% result in injuries to the eyes or head.
- Children aged 10 to 14 are the age group most affected by fireworks-related injuries.



Even seemingly harmless sparklers pose dangers, especially to children, as they can reach temperatures of up to 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit, causing severe burns.

Let's ensure safety this year by opting for glow sticks over sparklers, and experiencing the greatest fireworks display in Illinois, at Hamilton Lakes.

## Holiday Refuse Reminders



Prepare to celebrate Independence Day on Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup>! Although Village Administrative offices will be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup>, we look forward to welcoming everyone to the Fourth of July celebration Thursday night.

Garbage pick-up will not be delayed and will occur on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. Refuse containers may be placed on the street after 4:00 p.m. on Sunday and must be removed by 10:00 p.m. on Monday.

Don't forget, the Village offers free yard waste pick-up from now to the end of November. Get your backyard party ready by placing unwanted yard waste and clippings by the curb. Republic Service will handle the rest and collect it every Monday.

## Fight the Bite

Combat mosquitoes naturally by incorporating mosquito-repellent plants into your landscaping. These plants, such as lavender, citronella, and marigolds, not only add beauty to your garden but also help deter mosquitoes. Additionally, the Village partners with Clarke Environmental for professional mosquito control and abatement services. Contact the Clarke Mosquito Hotline at (800) 942-2555 to sign-up for alerts and other updates.



**Fight the Bite**

## E-Waste Drop-Off: Find Local Events

Missed our recent Green Day electronic recycling event on May 4<sup>th</sup>? While the Village offers this eco-friendly opportunity just once a year on the first Saturday of May, there are still plenty of chances to responsibly dispose of your electronics throughout the year.

DuPage County provides a range of recycling options throughout the year. One such option is through the Addison Township Highway Department, conveniently located at 411 W. Potter Road in Wood Dale. This year, they have two upcoming events scheduled on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and another on October 26<sup>th</sup>. For more information on electronic recycling locations and additional events, visit [dupagecounty.gov/recycling](http://dupagecounty.gov/recycling).

## Clip the Leash, Skip the Chase

As summer calls for outdoor adventures with your four-legged companion, please remember that the Village Code requires dogs to be on leashes in public areas and unsecured parts of private property, no matter their friendliness. This rule not only ensures your pet's safety but also respects the comfort of neighbors who may not share your affection for dogs. And don't forget to bring a bag for any unexpected surprises your pet may leave behind on your walk! By following these guidelines, we can all enjoy the outdoors while maintaining a clean and welcoming environment for everyone.



## NNO 2024

Join us for our annual National Night Out event on Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at the Municipal Complex, 550 W. Irving Park Road.



National Night Out is an opportunity for the Police Department and the community to raise awareness about crime and drug prevention, support local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit, and send a message to criminals that neighborhoods are united against crime.

Enjoy free raffles, entertainment, food, Police Department tours, touch-a-truck, face painting, and free water park entry from 5:00 – 9:00 p.m. Activities will be spread out through the Water Park, Library, Fire Station, and Police Station.

For further information, contact the Itasca Police Department at (630) 773-1004.

## Citizens Police Academy



*Spring 2024 Academy Class*

The Itasca Police Department would like to thank the participants of the recent Citizen Police Academy. Over eight weeks, attendees discussed various law enforcement topics with department members, including officers, sergeants, Deputy Chiefs, and the Director. The sessions provided valuable insights into the department's operations and practical scenarios like traffic stops and investigations. Participants also engaged in hands-on training, including gun range sessions and defensive tactics demonstrations.

Building on this success, the department is pleased to announce plans for a Senior Citizens Police Academy in the fall of 2024. These tailored sessions will allow seniors to explore relevant law enforcement topics in a supportive and engaging environment. The next Citizen Police Academy will be in the spring of 2025. Stay tuned to the Village's website and newsletter for further updates. Questions about either academy can be directed to Sergeant Duda at [jduda@itasca.com](mailto:jduda@itasca.com).

## Outdoor Safety Tips

Summer brings the joys of outdoor cooking and gathering around fire pits, but it's important to focus on safety.

### When grilling:

- Ensure proper ventilation and maintain a distance of at least 10 feet from structures.
- Always supervise the grill and check for gas leaks before use.
- Clean the grill regularly to prevent flare-ups.



### For fire pits:

- Make sure they are on stable surfaces away from flammable materials.
- Keep water nearby for emergencies and never use accelerants to start the fire.
- Supervise children and pets around the grill and fire pit.
- Fully extinguish the fire before leaving to ensure a safe and enjoyable summer outdoors.



## Vacation Watch

Are you planning a summer road trip to explore some scenic sites? Or perhaps you're flying to visit family and friends? No matter your destination, if you plan to be away from your home for an extended period, the Itasca Police Department offers a convenient vacation watch service to help monitor your home while you are away. To request a vacation watch, please contact the Police Department at (630) 773-1004.

## Pardon Our Dust

As the new construction season begins, the Village is hard at work repairing and beautifying the community.



### 2024 Roadway Maintenance Program

The 2024 Roadway Maintenance Program kicked off in late April and is in full swing. As part of the project, pavement resurfacing will occur on Bryn Mawr Ave. from Arlington Heights Rd. to Willow St., Willow Court, and the parking lot of Fulla Beans. Additionally, roadway patching and crack filling are being conducted throughout town, with a completion date set for July 4<sup>th</sup>.

### Light Pole Painting Project

With the downtown's roadway and infrastructure project completed, the Village has resumed its antique light pole repainting project. The 2024 Street Light Painting project included repainting forty-four (44) antique light poles along Walnut Street from the Metra railroad crossing to North Street. The light poles will be blasted to bare metal, primed, and painted.

## Construction Zone Caution



Construction zones are busy places with many hazards that can endanger workers, pedestrians, and motorists. It's important for everyone to be cautious and follow safety rules to prevent accidents. When entering a construction zone, stay alert and pay attention to your surroundings. Watch for signs indicating construction zones and follow any instructions given, like reduced speed limits or detours. Pedestrians should use designated walkways and avoid areas blocked off by barriers or cones. Construction sites often have uneven surfaces, debris, and heavy machinery moving around, making restricted areas unsafe. By working together and following safety measures, we can create a safer environment for all within construction zones.

## Street Sweeping Schedule

Street sweeping is back in action to keep our streets clear of debris. This regular practice prevents the accumulation of leaves, litter, and other materials that might obstruct sewers, potentially leading to flooding and drainage problems. During street sweeping weeks, please move your cars off the streets to allow workers space to sweep thoroughly. Also, avoid raking or blowing leaves, grass, or debris onto the streets, as they will not be picked up. Instead, take advantage of the Village's Yard Waste program, which provides free disposal each Monday until the end of November.



### 2024 Sweeping Schedule (Week of)

June 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	September 9 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
July 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	October 7 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
July 29 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	October 28 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
August 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	November 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024
August 26 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	November 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024

## Thank You for Your Support AMI Project a Success

The Village would like to thank everyone for their cooperation and support over the past seven months as we've transitioned over to new smart meters as part of the Advanced Meter Infrastructure Project (AMI). With over 2,900 meters upgraded so far, we're nearing completion on this important initiative. Through these new meters, we are able to monitor water consumption more effectively and introduce various customer service improvements. Your assistance has been instrumental in securing a more sustainable water infrastructure for future generations. If you have not yet scheduled your water meter replacement, please contact UMI directly at their toll free number (877) 533-8964.

## Free Safety Visits

The Fire District provides home safety visits FREE of charge to evaluate and install smoke and natural gas/carbon monoxide detectors. Call the Itasca Fire Protection District at (630) 773-1223 or visit their website, [itascafd.org](http://itascafd.org), to schedule your appointment today.



## Pool Safety

As the warm weather approaches and the sun shines brighter, many of us look forward to spending more time outdoors. For some, this means enjoying the cooling waters of a backyard pool. However, it's important to remember that along with the fun and relaxation of pool time comes a responsibility to prioritize safety, especially for our children.



One of the most important aspects of pool safety is proper fencing. Whether you're installing a new pool or already have one in your backyard, having the proper fencing in place can significantly prevent accidents and ensure peace of mind for you and your neighbors.

Pool fences should be at least 3½ feet tall and have a self-closing, self-latching gate that opens outward. Choose sturdy materials like wrought iron, aluminum, or vinyl, and ensure small gaps to prevent children from slipping through.

For those seeking water fun without the hassle of maintenance, Itasca Waterpark offers a perfect solution. With memberships and day passes available, everyone can enjoy the fun of a pool in a safe and supervised environment. Visit [www.itascaparkdistrict.com/176/Waterpark](http://www.itascaparkdistrict.com/176/Waterpark) to learn more.

## Only Rain Down the Drain



Ever wondered why only rain should go down the drain? Let's take a closer look at why it's important to keep our drainage systems clear of anything other than rainwater.

Drains are the unsung heroes of our streets, ensuring rainwater flows smoothly and prevents flooding in our community. But when substances like chemicals, oils, or debris sneak into the mix, it spells trouble. Clogged pipes and backups become a headache, causing inconvenience and potential damage.

Protecting aquatic life is another critical reason to keep drains free of contaminants. Harmful substances that wash into drains can disrupt ecosystems and endanger marine habitats.

Rainwater on the other hand, is naturally clean and doesn't require extensive treatment before entering our waterways. By sticking to the rainwater-only rule, we help preserve and maintain the health of our underwater environments.

This summer, make a conscious effort to honor the purpose of our drains and keep them clear for rainwater alone. It's a simple yet impactful way to contribute to the health and sustainability of our local ecosystems.

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**Schedule of Monthly Meetings**

**Monday:**

No Meetings Scheduled

**Tuesday:**

**1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday** - Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** - Board of Trustees - 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday** - Plan Commission - 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday:**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** - Historical Commission - 7:00 p.m.

**Friday:**

No Meetings Scheduled