



# THE VILLAGE NEWS

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## FALL 2018

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## Message from the Mayor

**A**s autumn arrives and the days grow shorter and cooler, we are reminded that another year will soon be coming to a close. It is a time to reflect upon the year's progress and take stock of achievements as we begin to plan for the year to come. This summer the Village has been working on ...

Renovating the Waste Water Treatment Plant – Last year the Village hired JJ Henderson & Son of Gurnee, Illinois to complete the renovations of our Waste Water Treatment Plant. The project is progressing on time and within budget. The renovations should be completed sometime early next year.

Refinishing our Water Towers – The Village recently contracted with the lowest bidder Jetco, Ltd. to paint the elevated water towers on Ardmore Avenue in the Central Manufacturing District and on Prospect Avenue. At the same time, the Village is working with a design firm to update the Village's logo and marketing materials. The new logo will be incorporated on the water towers when they are painted next year.

Saving you money on your electric bills – The Village recently solicited bids from aggregation suppliers to provide our electric service after the current contract expires at the end of September. Our current supplier Dynege Energy Services was the low bidder and will continue to offer electricity supply through September 2020. At our July 17, 2018 Village Board meeting, the Village accepted Dynege Energy's rate of 7.384 cents per Kilo Watt hour, saving residents almost a ½ cent over ComEd's current rate of 7.75 cents per Kilo Watt hour.

Growing our tax base – Earlier this year, the Village was notified that CBS was open to relocating its transmission tower located on 48 acres of land at

the southeast corner of Rohlwing Road and Devon Avenue, however they had a short timeframe for approvals. The Village worked cooperatively with a local developer to provide preliminary approvals for a mixed-use development featuring commercial and industrial uses. The proposed development includes a 5 story hotel and 3 buildings for restaurants and other commercial uses along Rohlwing Road.

The balance of the property will comprise three multi-tenant industrial buildings for warehousing, distribution, light manufacturing and logistics. The Village is currently in the process of negotiating a development agreement with the developer. The development of this property will provide new revenue for our schools, park district, library, police, fire and other governmental services.

Finally, as you spend time this fall reflecting on all that you are thankful for and preparing for gatherings with family and friends, don't forget about the many community events that help us celebrate the season.

Oktoberfest is approaching on Friday, September 7<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> located in Downtown Itasca on Orchard Street. Itasca's Largest Tailgate party caps off the weekend on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to get extra use out of those Halloween costumes by participating in Park District's Halloween Extravaganza at the Springbrook Nature Center.

I hope to see you all out and about at various events this fall.

*Mayor Jeff Pruyin*





## From the Desk of the Administrator

**R**ain, Rain, Go Away...but where and how? That is the question that the Village's consulting engineers are trying to answer after a total of 3.4 inches of rain fell in Itasca in just over 90 minutes, cementing May 2018 as the wettest May on record – ever.

So where does the rain go when it falls? A good amount of rain is absorbed into the soil, except when the ground is already saturated or the rain falls too hard and too fast, as was the case this spring. Then, the water begins pooling in low areas.

For new developments, DuPage County

requires storm water storage to be provided, often in the form of detention ponds. Prior to modern storm water requirements, storm water was often directed to backyard swales or streets – where pooling is expected to occur in heavy rain falls.

Most of the water that enters the Village's storm water system is eventually released into area creeks. However, DuPage County regulates how much water can be directed to the creek at one time to reduce downstream flooding.

Prior to the May 30<sup>th</sup> rain, the Village had already commissioned a study to improve

local storm water drainage. The study is designed to help the Village prioritize storm water projects over the next decade.

In light of the flooding that occurred in the Spring, the Village Board authorized its engineering consultant to further investigate each property that reported flooding. The lessons learned from this investigation will help the Village identify new opportunities to improve its storm water system for future events. In addition, the consultant will be providing guidance on what steps homeowners can take to keep storm water out of basements.

## From the Desk of the Village Clerk

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### Voting Information

This year's election will be held on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup> with polls opening at 6:00 am and closing at 7:00 pm. Below you will find a list of commonly asked questions regarding how to find your polling place, check your registration status, and how to obtain a sample ballot. For further assistance, please visit the DuPage Election's Commission's website at [dupageco.org/Election/](http://dupageco.org/Election/) or call (630) 407-5600. In addition, my office is available to assist residents with their inquiries, Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

### Am I Registered

To check to see if you are a registered voter, please visit [ova.elections.il.gov](http://ova.elections.il.gov). If you are not, the DuPage County Election Commission offers several options to become a registered voter: in person, online, or by mail. For more information, please visit [dupageco.org/Election/Voting/](http://dupageco.org/Election/Voting/)

or call the DuPage Election Commission at (630) 407-5600.

### Early Voting (Now at the Mall)

The Early Voting program allows any eligible DuPage County voter to vote before the Election Day. Beginning September 27<sup>th</sup>, DuPage County voters may vote early at the DuPage County Election Commission (421 N County Farm Rd, Wheaton) up until the day before Election Day.

Beginning October 22nd until November 5th, several additional sites throughout DuPage County will offer registration and early voting as well. For a complete list of sites offering early voting, please visit [dupageco.org/Election/](http://dupageco.org/Election/). Voters will be pleased to know that they may also vote early at the following shopping malls: Fox Valley Mall, Strafford Square Mall, Yorktown Mall (pending). Remember: The Village of Itasca is not a designated early voting site.

### How do I Vote by Mail?

The first day to file an application for a vote by mail ballot with the Election Authority was August 8, 2018. Voters may still request a vote by mail ballot by visiting [dupageco.org/Election/VoteByMail/](http://dupageco.org/Election/VoteByMail/) and downloading an application, or by calling the Election Commission at 630-407-5600. All requests by mail must be received by the Election Authority by November 1, 2018.

### Find My Polling Place and Sample Ballot

To find your polling place, view your representatives, or to see a sample ballot, please visit [dupageco.org/VoterLookup/](http://dupageco.org/VoterLookup/). Voters may search either by their name or address.



## Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

<b>Monday:</b>	No Meetings Scheduled	<b>Wednesday:</b>	2nd Wednesday – School District #10 – 7:00 pm 3rd Wednesday – Plan Commission – 7:00 pm 3rd Wednesday – Peer Jury – as Scheduled
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1st Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm, Committee of the Whole immediately after 3rd Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 pm, Committee of the Whole immediately after	<b>Thursday:</b>	3rd Thursday – Historical Commission – 7:00 pm
		<b>Friday:</b>	No Meetings Scheduled



## Please join us for the 11th Annual Itasca Oktoberfest

**FREE  
ADMISSION**



**FREE  
PARKING**

**Friday, September 7, 5:00 pm - 10:30 pm**  
**Saturday, September 8, 12:00 pm - 10:30 pm**  
**Downtown Orchard Street**

### Friday, September 7

- Tapping of the first keg with Mayor Pruyn
- Johnny Wagner Band from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
  - Kids Korner 5:00 PM to 7:30 PM

### Saturday, September 8

- The Tempos 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM
- Johnny Wagner Band from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM
  - Kids Korner 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



### Authentic German Food:

- Spaetzle
- Bratwurst
- Pork Dinner
- Sauerkraut
- Meatballs with Spaetzle
- German Potato Salad
- Pretzels

### Kids Menu

- Hot Dogs
- Chips

Authentic German food prepared  
by Catering with Elegance



**German hats \$2.00 ea**



All proceeds go to the Itasca Walk-In Ministry and the Itasca Food Pantry



**Oktoberfest 5K**  
**September 8, 2018 • 9am - Usher Park**  
Register today at  
**www.itascaoktoberfest5k.org**  
**NO RACE DAY REGISTRATION**

**For more information visit our website at [www.itasca.com](http://www.itasca.com)**  
*The concealment and carrying of firearms is prohibited at this event under law.*

# Special Events

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## ITASCA'S LARGEST TAILGATE PARTY

TAILGATE

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### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

### 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Visitors can choose from different scheduled games which will be played on one large blow-up screen and other 60" televisions.



The Itasca Lions Club will be grilling food that will be for sale along with beer and soda.



*The concealment and carrying of any firearms is prohibited at this event under law.*



## Permits for Outdoor Fireplaces

**W**ith cooler weather, property owners are eager to install fire pits and outdoor fireplaces. Due to safety concerns, building permits are required for these facilities.

To apply for a permit, please submit the following to the Itasca Community Development Department for review:

- Four (4) copies of a recent Plat of Survey
- Four (4) copies of a Site Plan showing proposed location of fire pit/outdoor fireplace, dimensions, and distance to property lines
- Four (4) copies of construction plans and spec sheets, showing type of material from which the fire pit or outdoor fireplace is made and if any gas piping is to be installed
- Completed building permit application, which can be found on the Village's website at [itasca.com](http://itasca.com)

Please keep in mind the following regulations about fire pits and outdoor fireplaces. The fire must be at least 25 feet away from a structure, per the 2006 International Fire Code. Fire pits may not be located in any utility or drainage easement.

Exercise caution when using your fire pit or outdoor fireplace. The fire must be attended at all times. Sawn firewood is the only material allowed to be burned. No construction debris, landscape waste, or other garbage may be used. The local fire official has the right to determine and prohibit an open flame if it is objectionable because of smoke or odor emissions and atmospheric conditions or other circumstances that make such fires hazardous, such as is in the case of dry conditions.

Questions about fire pits or outdoor fireplaces can be directed to the Community Development Department at 630-773-5568.

## Itasca Chamber of Commerce

**D**o you have a business in Itasca? Are you an employee in a business in Itasca? The Itasca Chamber of Commerce is a local business organization that works to assist businesses in enhancing their operations and promotions. In cooperation with the Village of Itasca, the Itasca Chamber of Commerce promotes a stronger climate for business to locate in Itasca.

The Itasca Chamber of Commerce offers a number of resources and networking events for your business. As a member, your company will be listed on the Chamber website with a link to your company's website and will be listed in our membership directory. Members also advertise through newsletters and sponsorships to market their company.

Chamber members can develop valuable business contacts by attending monthly meetings, becoming active in a Chamber committee, and attending the organization's numerous special events. Yearly events include the Mayor's Annual Address luncheon, where members are updated on topics related to local business. This year's Mayor's Annual Address will be Tuesday, September 25 at 11:30 am at the Itasca Country Club.

For more information about the Itasca Chamber of Commerce, contact Michele Henry, Itasca Chamber of Commerce Member Services Coordinator, at 630-773-2944 or [michele@thegoa.com](mailto:michele@thegoa.com).

Thank you for choosing Itasca as your business home, and we look forward to meeting you at future Itasca Chamber of Commerce events!



## Itasca Means Business!

**T**he Village of Itasca is proud of its business community and would like to extend a warm welcome to the following companies which recently received Village Board approval to operate in our town:

- Tandem Marketing, Inc., 1503 Industrial Dr. (Manufacturer's representative)
- Foundation Building Materials, 1420 W. Thorndale Ave. (Building material wholesale/distribution)
- Shree Jagnath Inc., 1 Pierce Place (Convenience store)
- National Quickmetal Service Inc., 900 Hollywood Ave. (Steel coil sizing)
- ANM Express, 1371 Industrial Dr., Unit N (Courier)
- Deli Time LLC, 150 Pierce Rd. (Breakfast, lunch, and catering)
- Michael's on Main, 2 Pierce Place (Deli and café)
- TSA, 1550 Glenlake Ave. (Alloy wheel distributor)





## “LEAVE” It Out of the Streets, Sewers and Streams

Everything begins with cooler days and changing leaves. However, the changing season also brings the inevitable need for yard cleanup. We are asking for all Itasca residents to help in keeping leaves out of our streets and storm sewers. When raking your yard and parkway, please take a moment when there are no cars in the street to rake up and remove the leaves from the curb line.

Everything entering Itasca’s storm drains eventually runs into rivers or streams. In autumn, leaves are oftentimes blown or swept into storm drains and waterways and can become a source of water pollution. Once they reach waterways, leaves decompose and release phosphorous into the water, which can result in algae blooms and decreased oxygen for fish.

However, pollutants are not the only problem. Leaves can also build up along curbs, gutters and storm drains, which stop storm water runoff from entering the storm drains. Should a major weather event occur, this can lead to localized flooding.

Itasca residents can help to keep excess leaves out of storm sewers and waterways by engaging in a number of activities:

- Start a compost pile or add leaves to an existing one. While the organic debris is not ideal for aquatic life, composted leaves and other organic materials are an excellent resource for fertilizing your garden in the summer months. It provides necessary nutrients, while also reducing the need for chemical fertilizers.
- Leaves can be chopped into small pieces using a mulching mower, which will decompose directly on lawns. The leaf pieces can also be collected and spread around flowerbeds and shrubs as mulch.
- In Itasca, Yard Waste Pick-Up is every Monday from April through November. Yard waste must be in biodegradable paper bags or a reusable container clearly marked “Yard Waste.” Branches must be a maximum of 4 feet in length and 4 inches in diameter, and placed neatly at the curb. When a holiday falls on a Monday, pick up will be on the Tuesday following the holiday.
- If recycling leaves on your property is not an option, residents may bring leaves to DuPage Yard Waste (1195 W. Washington St., West Chicago) for a fee. To transport, collect leaves in a secure and properly sealed paper bag to ensure they do not blow into storm sewers or streams.

For more information on water quality, visit: [dupageco.org/swm](http://dupageco.org/swm).



## Don't Let Your Waste Haunt You - Compost Your Pumpkins

Don't toss your jack-o-lanterns into the trash after Halloween. Turn them into dirt instead. The Village of Itasca, in cooperation with SCARCE and other municipalities throughout DuPage County, is sponsoring a pumpkin collection and recycling event on Saturday, November 3rd. From 9:00 am until noon on Saturday, November 3rd, the Village of Itasca will be accepting pumpkins and jack-o-lanterns of all sizes at the Itasca Water Park, 100 N. Catalpa Street. From there, the pumpkins will be taken to Land and Lakes Composting Facility for composting into nutrient-rich soil.

“Illinois grows more than 485 million pounds of pumpkins each year, which is more than any other state,” said Kay McKeen, Executive Director of SCARCE -- School and Community Assistance for Recycling and Composting Education.

“We are really excited about this new program because it will help recover some of the fantastic nutrients from pumpkins through composting, rather than fill up our landfills.”

The Itasca collection will be run by the Environmental Services Department of the Village of Itasca and SCARCE. Please remove all candles and decorative items from pumpkins before dumping them in the bin.





## Halloween Trick-or-Treat Hours



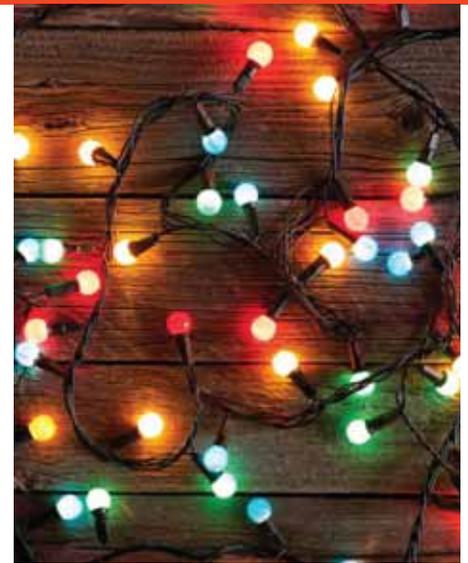
This year Halloween is on Wednesday, October 31st. In Itasca, Trick-or-Treating hours are between the hours of 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

Please make sure children are reminded to cross streets at the intersections only and are cautioned against running out from between parked cars, or across lawns where ornaments or furniture present dangers. Drivers are reminded to use extra caution when traveling.



## Itasca's Holiday Lights Recycling Drive

The Village of Itasca has partnered with Elgin Recycling for their 8th Annual Holiday Lights Recycling Program. The recycling program will run from Monday, November 26, 2018 until Friday, February 1, 2019. The drop-off collection box will be located in front of the Itasca Police Station at 540 W. Irving Park Road. Residents can drop off their old holiday lights at any time in the labeled receptacles in front of the Police Department. Lights that will be accepted for this program are: Mini-lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc.



Year after year, residents find themselves testing bulbs and replacing fuses; when that doesn't work, the strings of lights often end up in the garbage. With this program, Itasca can now divert all holiday lights that would normally end up in a landfill as recycled goods. One strand of lights here and there may seem as though it doesn't help, but these small contributions helped the previous year be extremely successful.

For more information about the Holiday Lights Recycling Program please visit [itasca.com](http://itasca.com) or track Itasca's progress at [elginrecycling.com](http://elginrecycling.com).

## Recycle your Cooking Oil into Bio-Fuel this Thanksgiving!

We are proud to announce communities around DuPage County are once again working to keep cooking oil out of the drains this holiday season. This recycling program returns to Itasca on Saturday, November 24th from 9:00 am until noon, when the big day for turkey frying is over!

FOGs (fats, oils and grease) cause 57% of the sewer backups in communities, costing taxpayers money for the sewers to be fixed and cleaned, not to mention causing homeowners an expense when it backs up into their home.

FOGs become more of an issue around the holidays, particularly after a deep-fried turkey Thanksgiving. Please save your liquid cooking oils and other FOGs in the containers you bought them in, milk jugs or 5 gallon buckets, and bring the oil to the collection site on Saturday. This year we will accept the containers, but will also have a collection bin, in case you wish to keep your FOGs container for next year. Please be sure that the used cooking oil is not contaminated with other non-biodegradable oils or fluids. When bringing the cooking oil for recycling, please make sure that it is warm enough to pour. Cool November evenings can cause the oil to partially or fully congeal, making it difficult to pour the oil out of the container.

This program is a win-win. FOGs are kept out of drains and landfills, and are recycled by Chicago Biofuel into biodiesel. Please drop the containers of oil off the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the Itasca Village Hall, 550 W. Irving Park Road in Itasca from 9:00 am until noon.

For information on other locations and year-round collection locations, please check the SCARCE website at: [scarcecoed.org](http://scarcecoed.org).



# Police Department

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## Itasca Police Department to Host 'Surviving an Active Shooter' Training September 27

The Itasca Police Department will host free "Surviving an Active Shooter Event" training from 6 to 8 pm Thursday, September 27, at the Itasca Village Hall (550 W. Irving Park Road).

Active shooter incidents are rare. A person is 700 times more likely to die in a car crash, for example, than from an active shooter event, according to the National Safety Council. However, these terrifying events are on the rise. Experts say that being prepared can save lives.

"When an unexpected, traumatic event occurs, being prepared can help you mitigate that incident," said Robert O'Connor, Director of the Itasca Police Department. "This training will review how active shooter situations unfold, how to be situationally aware and what actions are necessary to improve your odds of survival."

Because most active shooter incidents are over in a couple of minutes – often before first-responders can arrive on the scene – O'Connor says it's crucial for private citizens to turn their panic into effective action and know what steps they can take to improve their chances of survival.

"Situational awareness is key when preparing for any emergency," he said. "Be sure to know what is going on around you and have a plan in place for how to react." To prepare, everyone can take the following steps:

- Learn emergency notification systems and distinctive alarms used in places you frequent.
- Identify two possible escape routes wherever you are.
- Find places to hide.

During an active shooter event, don't spend important moments panicking. Public safety experts say that you should be ready to do one of the following:

- **Run:** Always the first choice; get out and take others with you.
- **Hide:** Find a place to hide; act quickly, turn off lights, lock and block doors, silence cell phones.
- **Fight:** The last resort; improvise weapons and work alone or with others to disarm the shooter.

Active shooter incidents are petrifying and often result in multiple fatalities very quickly. While no one likes to dwell on such devastating, worst-case scenarios, being prepared can save lives. Take steps to learn how to make yourself – and your community – safer.

To register for "Surviving an Active Shooter" training in Itasca, visit [nsc.org/registeractiveshooter](http://nsc.org/registeractiveshooter).

## Itasca Police Department Satisfaction Survey

The Police Department wants to hear your views regarding the quality of policing in Itasca and how we are meeting our commitments.

The Itasca Police Department, in partnership with our community, is committed to ensuring public safety through law enforcement, education, and exceptional service, while performing with the highest level of integrity and assuring all individuals dignity and respect. Please take a few moments to complete a short, confidential survey available at our website [itasca.com](http://itasca.com). Your suggestions are valuable to us and will be considered as part of our ongoing activities to meet our commitments.



## Itasca Police Department Participates in 50th Anniversary of the Special Olympics

Officer Kristyn Knoll had the honor of participating in the 50th anniversary of the Special Olympics commemorative torch run which took place at Soldier Field July 20. She has participated in the Law Enforcement Torch Run's year-round fundraising efforts for the last 4 years. The Flame of Hope symbolizes Special Olympics' bright vision: shining a light on the talents and abilities of people with intellectual disabilities. What an amazing experience and historical moment for everyone involved. The Itasca Police Department is proud to have been a part of this amazing event and will continue to support the 'Inclusion Revolution'.





## Board of Trustees

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## A Letter To Our Taxpayers

Over the past two years we have been keeping you, our taxpayers, informed of the District's financial status. What has become increasingly apparent is that, despite our continued efforts in controlling and reducing expenses, tax revenues are not keeping pace with expense increases. As was anticipated, the District's levy increase for this current budget year came in at 2%. Reluctantly, after all of our efforts, we have decided that we have no other option but to approach you, the taxpayer, for a much-needed increase in our tax levy. The referendum vote will be on the November 6, 2018 ballot.

As was stated in earlier newsletters, the District cordially invites anyone who is interested to attend the monthly Trustee meetings which are held at 6:00 pm on the second Wednesday of each month at the Firehouse, so that we can answer your questions and hear your suggestions.

Furthermore, Chief Burke, as well as the Trustees, are happy to meet with any individual or group to discuss the issues in depth. We will also be in attendance at the upcoming Itasca Oktoberfest to answer any questions you may have. Chief Burke has also volunteered to come out and speak to any organizations, homeowner's groups, etc. that would be interested. We would just ask that you call the station to schedule a time, so that we can ensure that we are there and not on call or at another meeting.

The Board of Trustees of the Itasca Fire Protection District are committed to you, the District residents, to provide fiduciary oversight on the tax dollars that the District spends, as well as secure the financial resources needed to provide the equipment and personnel to meet the service levels that you expect, not only today, but well into the future.

The Itasca Fire Protection District has a rich history. Established in 1909, the District has spent over 100 years serving, protecting and helping the residents of our community. The District respectfully asks for your careful consideration of this referendum this November, so that we can continue to provide the highest level of service to our community.



## 27th Family Christmas Concert

On December 1, 2018 the Combined Church Choir of Itasca will hold its 27th Family Christmas Concert. The concert has become a holiday tradition for the Itasca community. The Hanmee Presbyterian Church, 1049 W. Bloomingdale Rd., Itasca, will host this year's performance.

Choir members will perform familiar Christmas carols, the audience will join in on three numbers and children will perform with the Sinfonietta Bel Canto orchestra singing "Away In A Manger." The Hanmee

Handbell Choir will present two handbell selections.

Proceeds benefit the Itasca Food Pantry, Itasca Walk In Ministry, Itasca PADS and the Itasca Community Outreach Team. Tickets go on sale mid-November at the Itasca Community Library and Itasca churches. Tickets will also be available at the door. Comcast will be recording the concert and it will be shown throughout the holiday season. Adult tickets are \$10, children 3-12 are \$5 and those under 3 are free. A reception hosted by the Hanmee Presbyterian Church will be held following the concert. The Itasca Garden Club will provide table decorations that attendees can take home for a donation. For more information call 630-773-8518.

## Daylight Savings Reminder

Daylight Savings is Sunday, November 4. The Village of Itasca and the Itasca Fire District would like to encourage residents to change their smoke detector batteries when changing the time on their clocks. Changing smoke alarm batteries is one of the simplest, most effective ways to reduce fire deaths and injuries.



# Itasca Park District

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## Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary

The Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary is now open every day sunrise to sunset on Rohlwing Road! Roam the site with a 1/3 mile accessible loop, picnic shelter, picnic benches, baggoss, nature-based playground and more. Shelter rentals and tours are available. Park at the Softball Complex. The Dog Park will open late fall or spring.

## Oktoberfest

**Fri, Sep 7 - 5 to 10:30 pm** (Kids Korner 5 to 7:30 pm)

**Sat, Sep 8 - 12 to 10:30 pm** (Kids Korner 1 to 4 pm)

Enjoy live music, German food, hot dogs, drinks, and kids crafts!

## Springbrook Celebration!

**Sat, Sept 29 - 3 to 5:30 pm**  
at the Nature Center

Sponsored by



Celebrate nature at the Springbrook Nature Center! Enjoy music, wine and beer tasting, live music, face painting, crafts, games, s'mores and more!

A Duck Race in the creek will be held with prizes including Eaglewood Resort Overnight Stay, Itasca Country Club Social Membership, 2019 Family Season Pool Pass, 6-month Fitness Membership and more. Raffle Cost: \$10 per Duck, or 3 for \$25. Winners need not be present.

All proceeds from this Friends of Springbrook fundraiser will go to Youth Nature Programming and Exhibits. Pre-Registration fee: \$15 per adult/\$10 per child, At the event: \$18 per adult/\$12 per child Each ticket includes one Duck Raffle chance.

## Itasca Halloween Celebration

**Sat, Oct 6 - 1 to 3 pm** Location: TBD based on projects at the Nature Center

Free pumpkin decorating, bounce house, pony rides and more. This event is sponsored by the Village of Itasca.

## Itasca Haunted Trail at the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary



**Fri, Oct 19 - 6 to 7 pm for Families, 7 to 10 pm for Active Scaring! Fee: \$5/\$2 repeat trips**

## Trick-or-Treat Trail



**Sat, Oct 20 - 11:30 am to 1:30 pm**

Families enjoy a trip around the Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary loop and receive treats. Stop by the picnic shelter to make some crafts. Free!

## Screech Cinema

**Sat, Oct 20 - 6:30 to 8:30 pm**

Bring the family out for a fun Halloween movie: *Hocus Pocus* at the Nature Center starting at 7pm. Enjoy a fire at the fire ring with hot chocolate and marshmallows. All free!

Preschool and Jr. Kindergarten **Enrichment Classes** are held at the Nature Center. Register your child for a great educational experience that ties preschool into nature!

Register now for **Hocus Pocus** on Oct 17 for ages 3-5yrs and 6-10yrs at the Depot Museum. Times vary. Fee: \$10

Register for **WIBA Youth Basketball League** by Oct 28! Visit: [itascaparkdistrict.com/243/Sports-Galore](http://itascaparkdistrict.com/243/Sports-Galore) for info on many more sports classes and camps!



Follow the Itasca Park District on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and [itascaparkdistrict.com](http://itascaparkdistrict.com)!

**Seniors!** We have lots of trips just for you including Food & a Flick on Sept 24 to Miller's Ale House and Yorktown AMC Theatre, Tribute to Elvis Presley on Oct 2 at Starved Rock, and Wizard of Oz at the Paramount Theater on Nov 28.

Check out our **Paint & Pour** and **Couples Paint & Pour** classes this fall at the Nature Center!

New this fall, **Club Friday Night** for Itasca 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Graders now has a pizza and craft hour option beginning at 5:30 pm at each dance!

Sign up for text or email alerts at [itascaparkdistrict.com/notifyme](http://itascaparkdistrict.com/notifyme). Choose from specific lists with news from the Waterpark, Ice Rink, Fitness Center, Special Events, and more!

Host your birthday party or celebration at the Itasca Rec Center or Nature Center. We offer many themes. Call 630-773-2257 for details.

Download the Park District Mobile App on Apple or Google Play. Check out classes and events and register for programs from your phone!



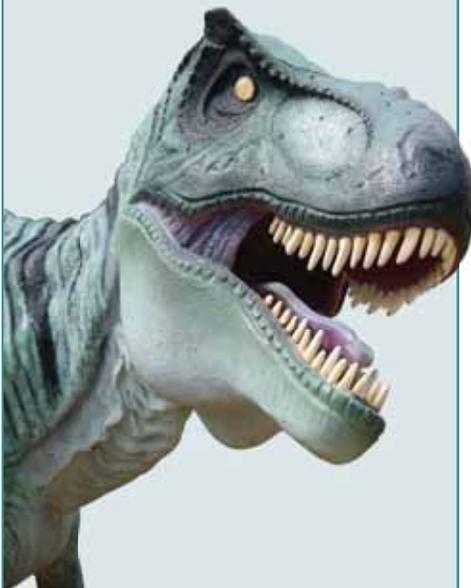
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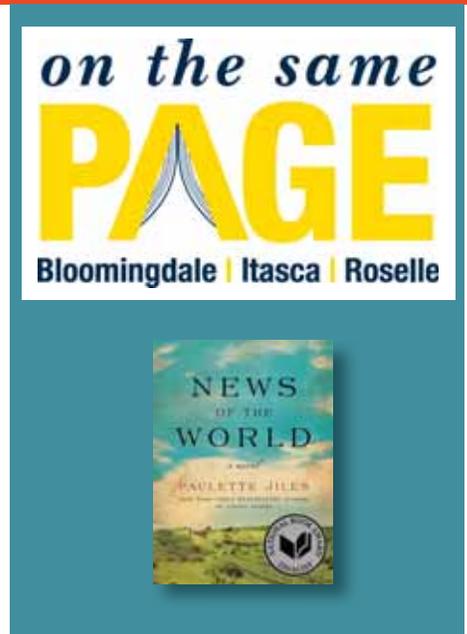
## Dinovember @ the Library

Dinosaurs will be taking over the library during the month of November as we celebrate Dinovember, the mysterious month when toy dinosaurs come to life and have amazing adventures. We'll not only be showing off some of the dinosaurs' mischief on our Facebook page throughout the month, but we'll also have crafts, a daily Find the Dinosaur game, book displays, and dinosaur-themed programs. Check back at the library in October for a flier listing the complete Dinovember line-up!



## On the Same Page Community Read 2018

The Itasca Community Library is once again partnering with the Roselle and Bloomingdale Public Libraries for *On the Same Page*. Join us for programs related to the book chosen for this year – *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles. Below is a list of programs at the Itasca Community Library; a full list of programs at all three libraries can be found in the library's fall newsletter. Most programs require registration, unless otherwise noted. Register at [itascalibrary.org](http://itascalibrary.org) or by calling 630-773-1699. A limited number of free copies of the book will be available.



## Book Discussions

- **Man vs. Book** – Thursday, October 4, 7:00 pm
- **Beyond the Library Book Discussion** – Monday, October 8, 7:30 pm at Fox & Turtle Restaurant
- **Morning Book Discussion** – Wednesday, October 24, 10:30 a.m.
- **Evening Book Discussion** – Tuesday, October 30, 7:00 pm

## Eat Like a Native American: Cooking with Sister Crops

*Wednesday, October 10, 7:00 pm*

Chef Rose Deneen will demonstrate three dishes using the three sister crops grown by Native Americans – beans, corn, and squash. Learn to incorporate all three vegetables into a delicious, healthy meal plan. Recipes and samples will be available.

## Three Illinois Women of the Civil War Era

*Thursday, October 11, 7:00 pm*

Historical actor Betty Kay brings to life three distinct Illinois women who were involved with the Civil War: Jenny Hodges passed as a man and fought in the war; Mother Bricherdyke established 300 field hospitals and assisted on 19 battlefields; and Julia Dent Grant was the wife of the Commanding General of the Union Army.

## The History of American Newspapers: Freedom of the Press

*Monday, October 29, 7:00 pm*

Learn about the history of newspapers in America from colonial times to present day. Discover how the newspaper business was influenced by people such as William Randolph Hearst, Colonel Robert McCormick, and others.



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