



THE VILLAGE NEWS

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SUMMER 2019

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Summer 2019 Mayor's Message



Mayor Jeff Pruym

Summer is almost here, and for me, that means spending time with family and friends around town.

Whether you enjoy a free concert at Usher Park, courtesy of our Park District, grab a bite at an outside patio or join us at one of the many events our Village has to offer, Itasca provides an amazing array of experiences all summer long.

One of my favorite events continues to be our Fourth of July Celebration at Hamilton Lakes, in partnership with Hamilton Partners. This year's fireworks will be bigger and better than ever, plus local favorite Maggie Speaks will be rocking out again – this time with Art Alexakis from the 90's hitmaker Everclear!

Throughout the newsletter you will find information on events sponsored by the Village, Police Department, Park District, Library and more. Also remember to check with local restaurants and hotels, who often host their own special events in the summer. Did you know that Eaglewood Resort and Spa has an amazing outdoor patio and fire pit at Prairie River Restaurant? It's a perfect spot to grab a drink or bite to eat with friends on a warm summer evening.

With the warmer weather, also comes an increase of people walking around the community. I'd like to remind drivers to be extra vigilant and watch out for those on bikes, especially young children. Driving distracted is a serious problem that greatly increases accident risk, so I ask all drivers to put down their phones

until they reach their destination.

In addition to being mindful of pedestrians, please be aware of construction crews out on the roadway. Take extra precaution when approaching construction sites and keep an eye out for workers. Street construction has already begun, with the Village replacing some of its aging water mains. This work will continue throughout summer until late fall. More information on the water main project can be found on page 5 and on the website.

As I am sure many of you have heard, Starbucks in downtown Itasca will be closing its doors in early fall. I've spoken with many concerned residents. For many of you, it was the place you grabbed a coffee before boarding the early morning train; the place where you could meet your friends and neighbors to catch up; where kids could work on group projects or relax with a hot drink in hand. It wasn't simply a place to grab a cup of coffee, but a community hub. While I know that many of you are disappointed in this news, I know that the heart and soul of this community is our residents – not a national chain coffee shop.

Working together, I am confident that Itasca can attract a new business to serve our community in the years to come. That's why we are opening up Village Hall on Tuesday, May 28th at 7 p.m. for a community discussion about how we can reimagine the Starbucks space. We will be sharing your feedback with the property owner, so together we can attract a new business to grow, thrive and serve the Itasca community.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you and your family out and about!

From the Desk of the Village Clerk

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Thank You Trustees Hower and Santorsola

After ten years of service to the Village Board, Marty Hower and Lucy Santorsola will be stepping down from their roles as Village Trustees. Trustee Hower was appointed to the board in February of 2009 to fill a vacancy. During his tenure, Trustee Hower chaired the Village's Finance Committee and shepherded Itasca through one of the worst recessions since the Great Depression.

Trustee Santorsola was appointed to the board in June of 2009 to fill the vacancy left by then Trustee Pruyne, after his election to mayor. Currently, she is the chair of the Administration Committee, which has been instrumental in controlling contract costs and setting personnel policies. The Village sincerely thanks both Trustee Hower and Trustee Santorsola for their hard work and dedication over the past ten years and wishes them the best in their future endeavors.

The Village Welcomes Two New Trustees: Dino Gavanes and Kathy Linsner

On May 7th, the Village Board welcomed two new trustees, Dino Gavanes and Kathy Linsner. Dino Gavanes received his undergraduate degree in Engineering from the University of Illinois, and an MBA in Finance from DePaul University. In addition, he has served in the Illinois Air National Guard for 10 years. Currently he is a principal with Advisers Group, Inc. established in 2015. Prior to this, he was an area executive vice president for Gallagher Premier, a division of Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. From 1986 to 2010, Dino was the president and founder of Premier Risk Services, Inc., a multi-line insurance agency and services firm located in Itasca. He also served as President of the Independent Insurance Agents of Illinois, and as National Director from Illinois to the Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers of America (IIABA). Dino has over 40 years of experience in the insurance industry.



Along with his career in insurance, Dino served on the DuPage County Board, having been appointed to fill a vacancy, from May 2018 until Nov. 2018. He also worked on the Government Affairs Committee and Finance Committee of IIABA, Trusted Choice Board, and Big "I" Markets Board. He is a recipient of the C.M.

Cartwright Award and Illinois Agent of the Year. Currently, Dino serves as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the National Alliance for Insurance Education and Research; on the Board of the Itasca Chamber of Commerce; and the Itasca Police Pension Fund Board.

Dino is active in St. Haralambos Greek Orthodox Church in Niles, and Chappelstreet Church in Geneva. Dino resides in Itasca with his wife, Melanie.

Kathleen (Kathy) Linsner has lived in the Village for the last 30 years. Kathy has a Masters Degree in Administration and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing. She is a Board Certified Nurse Executive and is a Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders (IONL) Fellow. In addition, she is affiliated with Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders and is a member of the Policy and Advocacy Committee at Illinois Organization of Nurse Leaders.



Kathy has said that she is proud to call Itasca home and looks forward to giving back to this wonderful community as a Village Trustee. Her vision for Itasca is that of sound financial stewardship, while continuing to challenge ourselves in ways that will enhance our community and allow for growth now and in the future. She believes that her fresh perspective will add to the impressive legacy of the past and present board members.

She has raised three beautiful children in Itasca with her husband Patrick, and is the proud grandmother of two grandchildren.

Village Hires New Community Development Director

The Village is pleased to announce its recent promotion of Senior Planner Shannon Malik Jarmusz to the position of Community Development Director. Shannon holds a Master's Degree in Urban Planning and Policy from the University of Illinois at Chicago and is an AICP certified planner and manager with nearly 20 years of municipal government experience. She has been with the Village of Itasca for five years and previously served as the village's Senior Planner. She prides herself on great working relationships with residents, elected and appointed officials, developers, and staff. As the new Director of Community Development for the Village of Itasca, she is excited to roll up her sleeves and get to work on several exciting upcoming projects! In her personal time, Shannon enjoys spending time with her husband, Joey, 7-year-old stepson, Elliott, and their dog, a 4-year-old "Pointollie", named Gracie.



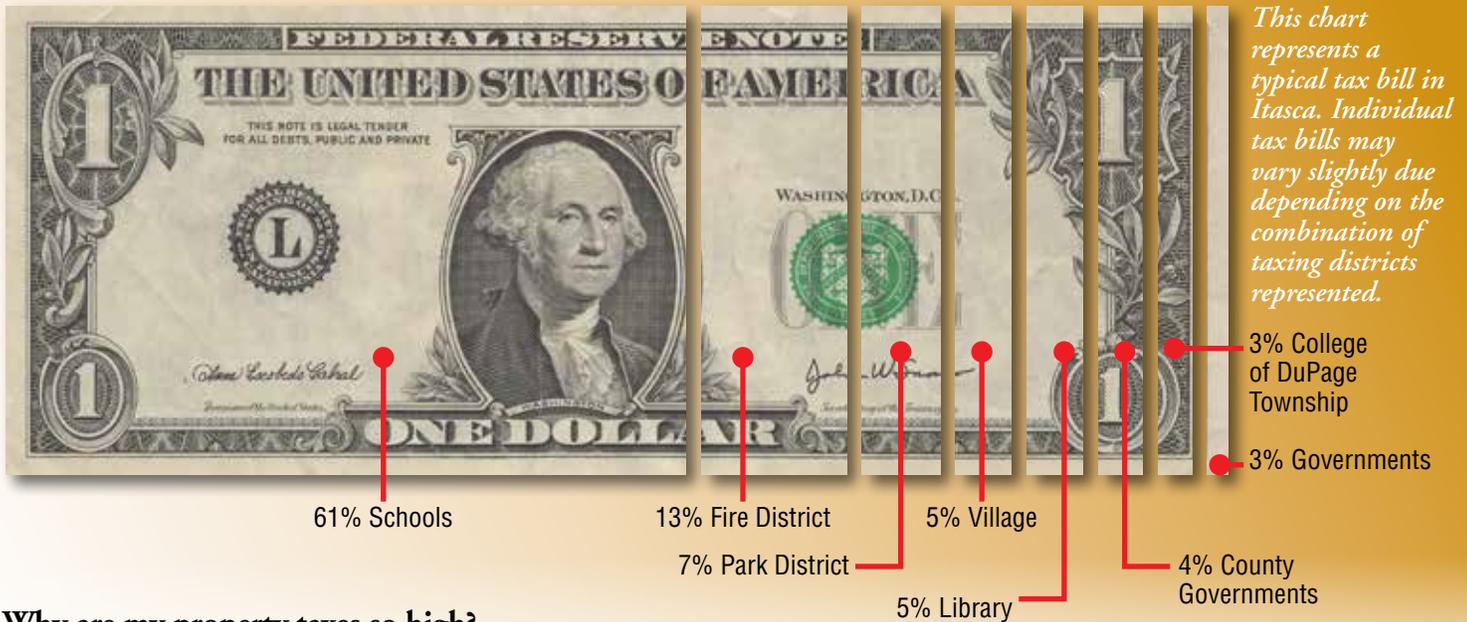
Village of Itasca Schedule of Monthly Meetings

Monday: No Meetings Scheduled
Tuesday: 1st Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.,
Committee of the Whole immediately after
3rd Tuesday – Board of Trustees – 7:00 p.m.,
Committee of the Whole immediately after

Wednesday: 2nd Wednesday – School District #10 – 7:00 p.m.
3rd Wednesday – Plan Commission – 7:00 p.m.
3rd Wednesday – Peer Jury – as Scheduled
Thursday: 3rd Thursday – Historical Commission – 7:00 p.m.
Friday: No Meetings Scheduled



Where Do My Property Taxes Go?



Why are my property taxes so high?

Approximately 61% of your property tax bill goes to fund local schools. The State of Illinois consistently ranks last, or almost last, of all states when it comes to state funding of public K-12 education. As a result, local school districts must rely heavily on property taxes to educate area students. The average homeowner in Itasca will pay \$4,511 to school districts in 2019¹.

How much property tax do I pay to the Village of Itasca?

The average homeowner¹ in Itasca will pay \$340.56 in property taxes to the Village this year. Of that amount, \$245.67 will be used to fund police pension benefits. The State of Illinois approves public safety pension benefit levels and charges local governments with funding the associated costs. The remaining \$94.90 will be used to provide Village services.

What Village services do I receive for my property tax dollars?

Here are a few of the Village services, residents receive for their tax dollars:

- Emergency police response, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week
- Emergency 911 operator assistance, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week
- Snow and ice removal from streets, 24 hours a day, as needed
- Weekly garbage and recycling service
- Weekly brush and yardwaste removal, April-November
- Roadway construction and maintenance

- Sidewalk construction and maintenance
- Storm sewer construction and maintenance

How does the Village of Itasca's property tax rate compare?

The Village Board has worked diligently to keep taxes in check. While all the data is not yet available for taxes to be paid in 2019, last year Itasca had the lowest tax rate among its 10 closest neighboring municipalities.

What are you doing to provide residents property tax relief?

Although the property dollars paid to the Village are only a small part of the tax bill, the Village Board is committed to looking for savings wherever possible. This past year, the Village partnered with the Library to restructure its debt burden. Working together, we were able to lower combined debt payments over the next five years – saving taxpayers approximately \$80,000.

The two boards worked together to take advantage of a lower interest rate, restructuring 2008 bonds to pay them off early. As a result, you may notice that the amount of tax dollars paid to the Village declined, while dollars paid to the Library increased slightly. When viewed as a whole, however, debt payments for the 2008 bonds declined from taxes paid in 2018.



May is Building Safety Month

The Community Development Department is recognizing May as Building Safety Month in order to bring awareness to the need for safe and sustainable structures in our community.

The campaign originated by the International Code Council (ICC), of which the Village of Itasca is a member. ICC's model codes are used in the construction of residential and commercial buildings. Properly administered and up-to-date building codes reduce the loss of life and property damage by protecting residents and property owners from everyday accidents, disasters like fires, weather-related events such as floods and tornados, and structural collapse that may follow when buildings of all kinds suffer from deterioration.

Because buildings and structures that are built to building codes minimize the risk of property damage, property owners may pay lower insurance costs and millions of taxpayer dollars can be saved when rebuilding from natural disasters.

To ensure that your next building project complies with building codes, you should obtain a building permit and schedule the required inspections. A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawings and specifications. Inspections are required at key points during the construction process to make sure work is done in compliance with the approved plans and to the building codes. The type and number of inspections required depends on the work being completed.

The Village of Itasca encourages property owners to discuss your plans with Community Development before beginning construction to determine whether a permit is required. Please contact us at 630-773-5568, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday, to discuss your construction plans and for information on the building permit application, submittal requirements, and review process.

Building permit information and forms and contractor requirements are available on the Village's website at www.itasca.com under the "Community Development" tab.

OPEN

for Business

Itasca Means Business!

The 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:

- MGL Construction and Remodeling, 419 W. Irving Park Rd. (Kitchen, flooring, and bath)
- Itasca Automotive Repair Inc., 210 W. Irving Park Rd. (Auto repair and tires)
- Precious Moments, Inc., 1079 Hawthorn Dr. (Giftware)
- A-1 Insurance Agency, 921 W. Irving Park Rd. (Insurance)
- Michael Niehaus Insurance Agency, 927 W. Irving Park Rd. (Insurance)
- Helix International, 950 Hollywood Ave. (Machine tool design and production)
- Logility Inc., 500 Park Blvd., Suite 780 (Software development for transportation industry)

Swimming Pool Permit Requirements

After a long, cold winter, summer is finally here! If you are planning on installing an above ground or inground swimming pool to beat the heat, please be aware that a building permit is required. Permit applications are available online or at the Community Development Department in Village Hall.

A pool permit is required for any type of pool, including inflatables, over 24 inches deep. Where a pool is installed, a 4-foot-tall self-latching fence must be in place. If no fence exists, the permit application materials should also show the location of the proposed fence which can be located around the entire yard, around the pool area only, or a safety fence may be used if installed on above ground pools.

Getting a permit is easy. Just fill out a permit application and submit it along with a copy of your plat of survey showing the location of the pool, fence, and pool equipment. Be sure to take into consideration the location of overhead power lines and other utilities when deciding where to build your pool. If a contractor is used for any of the work, they will need to be registered with the Village prior to permit issuance. Once the Community Development Department has all of the required information, it takes approximately 10 days for the permit to be issued.

Please remember to keep a close eye on children and anyone that may be using the pool without having received swim instruction.

Other helpful things to consider:

- Take swim lessons
- Learn CPR
- Install alarms on gates leading to pools
- Keep rescue and first aid equipment nearby
- Enforce no running/no horseplay rules
- Avoid consuming alcohol while swimming or supervising others
- Always swim with a buddy
- Make sure the pool is well maintained
- Do not use any pool equipment that can be mistaken for toys
- Do not use any electric appliances in or near the pool

For additional safety tips, please visit: www.poolsafely.gov/

Questions? Contact us at 630-773-5568. Building Permit information, forms, and contractor registration requirements are available on the Village's website at www.itasca.com under the "Community Development" tab.



How to Reduce Mosquitoes This Summer

To make time outside more enjoyable, there are some steps you can take to reduce pesky mosquitoes. First, think like a mosquito. The biggest draw for the mosquitoes is standing water, so look around your yard. Work to be sure that standing water is eliminated or well managed. Bird baths, ponds, small pools, and even puddles, all look like resorts to mosquitoes.

It only takes seven to ten days for mosquitoes to breed, hatch and mature into adults and they can do so in as little as one fourth inch of standing water. So avoid creating those potential habitats by turning watering cans, empty flower pots and trays, wheel barrows, buckets, etc. upside down when not in use.

Have a rain barrel? Make sure it's covered. Empty or exchange water weekly in bird baths and kiddie pools. If you're going to be gone for an extended period, empty them completely.

Landscape ponds have different mosquito control solutions. They can be treated with floating dunks that contain Bti, a strain of bacteria that controls mosquito larvae without being harmful to fish or wildlife. Fountains also work because mosquitoes won't lay eggs in moving water.

If you get standing water in your yard or garden, either from heavy rains or irrigation, take steps to drain the area, plant a rain garden or adjust irrigation respectively.

An easy step to remember: Take a weekly walk around your yard. A walk around the yard once a week looking for all of these potential mosquito invitations should do the trick.

Water Main Replacements

This year, the Village of Itasca will be replacing some of the aging water main throughout the community. The Village has experienced multiple water main breaks along the existing water main on District Drive and Catalpa Avenue over the recent years and the water main is in need of replacement. The District Drive water main will be replaced from Bryn Mawr Avenue to Ardmore Avenue. This work will consist of replacement of the existing water main with new 12-inch ductile iron water main. The water main replacement work is scheduled to begin in the spring of 2019 and be completed by mid-June, 2019.

The Catalpa Avenue water main has experienced multiple breaks that have affected our residents. The new 8-inch water main replacement will eliminate the need for multiple shut-downs due to water main breaks. The work on Catalpa Avenue, which will be from Division Street to Bryn Mawr Avenue, is scheduled to begin in June 2019 and be completed in August 2019, with restoration being completed by mid-September 2019. As part of the water main replacement, a new water service line up to the b-box will be installed. Water service may be briefly interrupted during times of construction and we ask that all residents along Catalpa Avenue be patient as we upgrade the water system in your area.

Is there a best time to be outside?

As much as we try, we aren't going to get rid of these pests completely. So we can be smart about when we're outside. Most mosquito species prefer to be active in dawn/early morning hours and again at dusk into evening. There are 'container breeding' species (*Aedes aegypti* and *Aedes albopictus*) that have daytime activity.

Are there plants that can fend off mosquitoes?

Yes. You can incorporate plants into your garden that repel mosquitoes. Herbs such as basil, rosemary, lemongrass, garlic, lemon thyme and mint are natural mosquito repellents, as well as many other types of plants. You can easily use them throughout the yard and garden as functional edible accents and aesthetic interest! Many of these repellent plants grow well in pots too, perfect for your deck, patio, balcony or porch.

Water Tower Painting

The Village will be repainting the two water towers located on Prospect Avenue and Ardmore Avenue. As we are all aware, these water towers are extremely weathered and have needed to be repainted for years. Now that the construction of 1-390 is complete, we are ready to proceed with the repainting of the water towers.

Jetco, Ltd. will be the contractor performing the repainting of the water towers. Both towers will have their exteriors and interiors sandblasted and repainted. There will also be various structural repairs performed on each tower.

The 1 million gallon Prospect Avenue water tower is scheduled to be painted this spring. If you have driven by, you can see that work has begun with the installation of the containment system. A large curtain will be installed around the tower to contain all the dust from the sandblasting and protect the surrounding areas during the repainting process. It is anticipated that the repainting will be completed in June of 2019.

The 0.5 million gallon Ardmore Avenue water tower is scheduled to be repainted this coming fall. Construction is anticipated to start in September 2019 and be completed by the end of November 2019.

We are also excited to announce that the water towers will have a new look when finished. The Village of Itasca has recently gone through the process of rebranding and our new Village logo will be proudly displayed on both water towers! Keep an eye out for the new look of Itasca!



Police Department

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FREE Child Safety Seat Inspections

Did you know that over approximately 80% of all child car seats are installed improperly? The Itasca Police Department will be hosting two FREE Child Safety Inspections in June and August. The inspection consists of a certified technician inspecting the child safety seat and then showing you how to install the seat properly. The following two FREE events will be held:



On June 1st, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., there will be a Child Safety Inspection held at 1680 Norwood Ave (Colonial Village Apartment Complex). For more information, follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and the Itasca Police Department Website.

August 3rd from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Itasca Fire Department at 520 W. Irving Park Road. The Itasca Police Department will be partnering up with the Itasca Fire Department and Illinois Tollway to host the K.I.S.S. Program (Kids Identification and Safety Seat Event).

Questions can be directed to Sergeant Shrader at (630) 228-5707 or mshrader@itasca.com. For further information on the K.I.S.S. program please visit www.illinoistollway.com.



On Tuesday, August 6, at 5 p.m., the Itasca Police Department invites residents and businesses alike to join us for our annual National Night Out. This event will take place at the grounds of the Municipal Complex, 550 West Irving Park Road. National Night Out is an opportunity for the Police Department and the community

to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness, generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime programs, strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships and send a message to criminals by letting them know that neighborhoods are organized and fighting back. As part of our festivities, we have arranged interactive activities with the Itasca Fire Protection District, Library, Park District, Public Utilities, Public Works, and of course the Itasca Police Department. All of Itasca is invited and encouraged to attend. For further information contact Sergeant Shrader at (630) 228-5707 or mshrader@itasca.com.



Bring your fishing pole and bait to Happy Acres on June 23 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to fish with members of the Itasca Police Department. If you don't catch anything it's ok, the police officers will have plenty of hot dogs and soda.



LAW ENFORCEMENT
TORCH RUN[®]
FOR SPECIAL OLYMPICS
ILLINOIS

If you are interested in being a part of something bigger than yourself, come out on Sunday, June 2nd as the Law Enforcement Torch Run Flame of Hope passes through Itasca.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run is the single largest year-round fundraising movement benefiting Special Olympics Illinois. One of the goals of The Torch Run is to gain awareness for the athletes who participate in Special Olympics Illinois. The Torch Run includes an annual intrastate relay conducted by officers representing every branch of law enforcement within the state. Approximately 3,000 officers will carry the Flame of Hope nearly 1,500 miles from June 2 – 7, running through thousands of Illinois communities via 23 different legs (routes) to its final destination – the Opening Ceremony of the Special Olympics Illinois Summer Games on June 7 in Normal.

Contact Officer Kristyn Knoll at kknoll@itasca.com for more information and to purchase a Torch Run t-shirt.



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TORNADO SEASON IS HERE

BEFORE A TORNADO

Severe weather conditions often change rapidly and can be difficult to precisely predict. It first must be understood that no warning system is 100% accurate. While warning systems should be sounded as soon as possible according to set guidelines, the public should not rely exclusively on these systems for notification. The purpose of the sirens is to alert those who are outdoors to the threat of danger, either due to weather conditions or a National Emergency. The public must take personal responsibility and exercise good common sense with these things in mind:

- Be alert to changing conditions when severe weather threatens.
- Monitor weather reports via NOAA weather radio, broadcast radio or television stations or smart phone app. NOAA radios can be purchased at retail stores or online.
- Keep an eye on the sky and know when and where to seek shelter.
- Keep an emergency kit in your shelter area.

OUTDOOR SIRENS

Sirens are **TESTED** year-round on the first Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. and will be **ACTIVATED** under one or more of the following conditions:

- There is a confirmed sighting of a tornado headed for our community.
- The National Weather Service has issued a tornado warning for our community.
- There are confirmed reports in the community of life-threatening storm damage.

Please **DO NOT** call 9-1-1 when you hear a siren to get information. 911 phone lines must remain free to respond to emergency reports and dispatch police, fire and emergency services where needed.

- The siren sound means Take Shelter Now. Do not ignore it. Multiple siren activations indicate a confirmed or imminent tornado impact.
- The emergency is **NOT** over when the sirens stop. From your place of shelter listen to local news reports or a NOAA weather radio for information on the cancellation of a warning.
- There is **NO** "All Clear" siren.

KNOW THESE TERMS ...

- **Tornado WATCH:** Weather conditions are favorable for a tornado to develop. Be prepared to take cover at short notice as tornadoes can develop suddenly.
- **Tornado WARNING:** A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately!

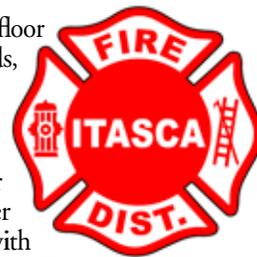
Take the following actions when a Tornado Warning has been issued by the National Weather Service, when sirens have been activated or when a tornado has been sighted near your area:

WHAT TO DO...

- **In a house with a basement:** Avoid windows. Get in the basement and under some kind of sturdy protection (heavy table or work bench), or cover yourself with a mattress or sleeping bag. Know

where very heavy objects rest on the floor above (pianos, refrigerators, waterbeds, etc.) and do not go under them.

- **In a house with no basement, a dorm, or an apartment: Avoid windows.** Go to the lowest floor, small center room (like a bathroom or closet), under a stairwell, or in an interior hallway with no windows. Crouch as low as possible to the floor, facing down; and cover your head with your hands. A bath tub may offer a shell of partial protection.
- **In an office building, hospital, nursing home or skyscraper:** Go directly to an enclosed, windowless area in the center of the building -- away from glass and on the lowest floor possible. Then, crouch down and cover your head. Interior stairwells are usually good places to take shelter, and if not crowded, allow you to get to a lower level quickly. Stay off the elevators; you could be trapped in them if the power is lost.
- **In a mobile home:** Get out! Even if your home is tied down, it is not as safe as an underground shelter or permanent, sturdy building. Most tornadoes can destroy even tied-down mobile homes; and it is best not to play the low odds that yours will make it.
- **In a car or truck:** There is no safe option when caught in a tornado in a car, just slightly less-dangerous ones. If the tornado is visible, far away, and the traffic is light, you may be able to drive out of its path by moving at right angles to the tornado. If you are caught by extreme winds or flying debris, park the car as quickly and safely as possible -- out of the traffic lanes. Stay in the car with the seat belt on. Put your head down below the windows; cover your head with your hands and a blanket, coat, or other cushion if possible. If you can safely get noticeably lower than the level of the roadway, leave your car and lie in that area, covering your head with your hands. Avoid seeking shelter under bridges, which can create deadly traffic hazards while offering little protection against flying debris.
- **In the open outdoors:** Lie flat and face-down on low ground, protecting the back of your head with your arms. Get as far away from trees and cars as you can; they may be blown onto you in a tornado.
- **In a shopping mall or large store:** Do not panic. Watch for others. Move as quickly as possible to an interior bathroom, storage room or other small enclosed area, away from windows.



AFTER THE TORNADO...

Keep your family together and wait for emergency personnel to arrive. Stay away from power lines and puddles with wires in them; they may still be carrying electricity! Watch your step to avoid broken glass, nails, and other sharp objects. Stay out of any heavily damaged houses or buildings; they could collapse at any time. Do not use matches or lighters, in case of leaking natural gas pipes or fuel tanks nearby. Remain calm and alert, and listen for information and instructions from emergency crews or local officials

Information provided in this article along with other storm related information can be found on the DuPage County as well as the National Weather Service websites at www.protectdupage.org or www.weather.gov/safety/tornado-prepare.



Friends of ItascaFest 2019

Help the Itasca Lions celebrate the 30th anniversary of ItascaFest by becoming a friend of the fest. Your participation will help support local activities as well as benefit children and seniors in need.

As you may already know, every year on a weekend in July, the Itasca Lions Club hosts a summer celebration called ItascaFest. This year the dates are Thursday, July 11th through Sunday, July 14th. Over these four days nearly 40,000 visitors will enjoy food, fun and music! All of the entertainment is family oriented and mostly provided free of charge. Proceeds from this event provide assistance for the blind, hearing impaired and handicapped, as well as foster many local youth and senior citizen programs.

We are asking local residents to become a “Friend of the Fest.” By making a generous donation as a “Friend of the Fest” you will ensure the event’s success before the rides are set up or the bands take the stage.

There are three levels of participation:

- Gold Cup = Donations of \$ 100
- Silver Cup = Donations of \$ 50
- Bronze Cup = Donations of \$ 25

All residents that become a “Friend of the Fest” will have their name prominently displayed on the 10’ x 12’ video screen in the main entertainment pavilion. If you would like to become a “Friend of the Fest” please fill out the following form, enclose your check made payable to the Itasca Lions Club and return it to Itasca Lions Club

“Friend of the Fest” Donation Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

Contribution amount:

Gold Cup = Donations of \$100

Silver Cup = Donations of \$50

Bronze Cup = Donations of \$25

Thank you for supporting ItascaFest and making a difference for the people we serve.

Return To:

Itasca Lions Club

Attn: Robert Chvalovsky

P.O. Box 106

Medinah, IL 60157



DISTRICT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

GROWING OUR CHILDREN'S FUTURE

District 10 Education Foundation Gala

District 10 Education Foundation celebrates the success of its 4th annual gala headline sponsored by Electri-Flex. The gala featured silent auctions, a photo booth, and a live band, all overlooking the scenic backdrop of Itasca Country Club’s beautiful golf course.

That evening, D10EF recognized this year’s teacher grant recipients, whose innovative planning brings exciting changes to Itasca schools. D10EF teacher grants for stop-motion animation technology will engage 5th graders in art, story-telling, and videography, while flexible seating and desks will help Benson and Franzen students better focus on instruction and collaboration. D10EF teacher grants will also bring interactive sensory pathways to both schools; such pathways promote cognitive growth through movement, sensory integration therapy, and fun for all students.

All of this would not be possible without the support of Electi-Flex, as well as our additional gala sponsors:

- Itasca Bank & Trust
- Franklin Properties
- Gallagher
- MGL Construction
- Sabrina Conti, Berkshire Hathaway
- Hervas, Condon, & Bersani, P.C. Securitas
- James Caldron
- Michael Hilmer
- Tony’s Finer Foods

Volunteers are key to D10EF. In order for us to raise money to fund teacher grants, we need your help. D10EF welcomes any community help to plan fundraising events like the Gala and Trivia Night. If you’re interested in volunteering for or making a donation to D10EF, please email district10ef@gmail.com. It takes a village, our village of Itasca, for great things to happen in our schools. Help our schools thrive through your time and support.



Special Events

Deputy Clerk • Phone: (630) 773-0835 • e-mail: deputyclerk@itasca.com

Highland Games

Annual Scottish Festival & Highland Games in Aye-tasca. The Illinois Saint Andrew Society is proud to present one of the most unique and well-known festivals in the Midwest, the Annual Scottish Festival and Highland Games! The festival will be held June 14 & 15 at Hamilton Lakes in Aye-tasca.

Purchase tickets in advance at <http://www.scottishfestivalchicago.org/getticketandpasses>

Fourth of July



Join us on July 4th at Hamilton Lakes, as Itasca hosts one of the largest fireworks display in the Chicagoland area. The Independence Day celebration starts at 4 p.m. with several vendors offering a variety of picnic-style items throughout the evening. Live music begins at 7:00 p.m. with the Pat McKillen Band taking center stage at 7:00 p.m., followed by Maggie Speaks at 8:00 p.m. Special celebrity guest singer/guitarist Art Alexakis will join Maggie Speaks on stage to perform such Everclear hits as "Father of Mine", "Santa Monica", "I Will Buy You a New Life", and "Wonderful".

The fireworks display will begin between 9:45 and 10 p.m., and lasts approximately 25 minutes. Be sure to enjoy the show with a beverage from Itasca Brewing Company, Inc.

Admission to the event is free, however on-site parking is \$25.00 per car and fills up fast. So come early and enjoy the park. Hamilton Lakes is located west of O'Hare Airport at the intersection of I-390 and Park Boulevard.

ItascaFest 2019

July 11-July 14

Washington Park 350 E. Irving Park Road

Free Admission and Parking

Join the Itasca Lions as we celebrate 30 years of family fun and entertainment. Be sure to save the dates and keep a lookout for unlimited ride specials beginning on June 24.

ItascaFest is held in Washington Park, Usher Park, and in the

Itasca Park District building. The fishing contest is held at the Happy Acres Retention Basin located off of Bryn Mawr Avenue, just west of Maple Street. Watch for signs to know when to start fishing!

Featured events during the Fest include the following:

- Live music daily
- Free children's entertainment
- Carnival with unlimited ride specials (sold only June 24th through July 10th)
- 14 -American and ethnic food vendors
- Health Fair
- Antique Flea Market
- Indoor cash bingo
- Fishing contest
- Classic Car Show
- NEW! Bags Tournament



Sawyer Brown



Itasca Fest 2019 entertainment lineup

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| Thursday | • The Arlingtones | • Sealed with a Kiss |
| Friday | • Eliminator | • Arra |
| Saturday | • DJ Terry Salat | • Suburban Cowboy |
| | • Sawyer Brown | |
| Sunday | • DJ Terry Salat | • Throwback Jukebox |
| | • Brass from the Past | • American English |

Itasca Family Day

Itasca Family Day (food truck event) will be held on August 17, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Usher Park. About a dozen food trucks line up on Walnut Street giving us a variety of meal options to purchase. Families are welcome to either purchase food from the trucks or bring their own picnic. All activities presented in Usher Park are free. The activities are provided by local businesses, clubs/organizations, and churches as a gift to our community.



There will be a variety of volunteering positions and sponsorship options available.

For more information, go to ItascaCares.org/familyday.

Itasca Park District

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Summer Events

Grand Opening of Itasca's First Dog Park



Join us for a Grand Opening of Itasca's first Dog Park on Saturday, May 18th at 10am on Rohlwing Road! Bring out the dogs and enjoy giveaways, snacks, soft drinks, and more! Park at the Softball Complex. Dogs must be vaccinated and friendly.



Itasca Waterpark Opening Weekend

Itasca Waterpark is open weekends beginning June 1st and weekdays beginning June 3rd. Adult Lap Swimming Mon-Fri from 10 a.m. -12 p.m.!

Season Passes

Season Pass Holders receive early weekend admission at 11 a.m. and weekday admission at 12:30 p.m. Get your passes now.

For email or text alerts about the Waterpark visit: www.itascaparkdistrict.com/notifyme and select the Waterpark List.



Itasca Waterpark New Bathhouse

The Itasca Waterpark is getting a new bathhouse! Itasca Waterpark will close on Sunday, August 18th for the season.

The new larger bathhouse will include 4 family restrooms, locker rooms, concessions area and a 1,200 sq. ft. year-round program room. Season Pass Holders will be allowed free entrance into the Bloomingdale Oasis and Lombard Paradise Bay Waterparks from August 19th through Labor Day Weekend!



Memorial Day Parade

Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 27th 9:30am Step-off at Franzen Park. A picnic with a food vendor, Memorial Day Ceremony courtesy of V.F.W. Post #5167, and parade awards follow at Usher Park.



Sponsored Event Itasca Concert Series

Itasca Concert Series begins June 12th and runs every other Wednesday at 7 p.m. July 10th and August 21st will be held at the Depot Museum, all others at Usher Park.

Register now for Day Camps, Sports, and Nature Camps!

Community Wide Garage Sale

Join the Community Wide Garage Sale on Sat June 22nd from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at Itasca Residents' Homes. Register by June 17th!



Sponsored Event

Free H2O Nights

Free H2O Nights for grades 4th-9th at the Itasca Waterpark!

Sundays 7:30-10 p.m. on June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21 and Aug 4

This event is sponsored by the Village of Itasca. Permission slip is required.

Depot Museum

Depot Museum Admission is open 5 days a week in the summer and is always free!

Itasca Art on Display

Artists of all ages, submit your Itasca-themed artwork in any format! Artwork is due May 10th. A showing will be May 24th at the Depot Museum. Winners will be selected via voting and will be shown at the Depot all summer.



Follow the Itasca Park District on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and itascaparkdistrict.com!

Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art

Ages 18+ enjoy a trip to the Lizzadro Museum of Lapidary Art on Fri May 24th from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Fee: \$35, includes lunch.



ItascaFest 3on3 Basketball Tournament

ItascaFest 3on3 Basketball Tournament will be held the weekend AFTER ItascaFest on July 19 for kids & July 20 for Adults 18+ and Ages 30+. \$50 per youth team and \$75 per adult team.

New Classes

Try the Fit & Float Aerobics at the Waterpark, or Iron & Oar, TRX, Yoga, and Indoor Cycling classes at the Fitness Center. Get fit and feel great!

Ice Cream with the Cops & Firefighters

Don't miss this fun & free event! Enjoy free ice cream and play games. Wed, July 17th from 1-2:30 p.m. at Usher Park.



Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary

The Ray Franzen Bird Sanctuary is open sunrise to sunset every day on Rohlwing Road! Park at the Softball Complex.

National Night Out

Tuesday, Aug 6 at 5 p.m. Free entry to the Waterpark with a DJ, snacks, music, a raffle, and events with the Village, Police, Fire, and Library.

Host your celebration at the Itasca Waterpark, Rec Center, or Nature Center. Call (630) 773-2257 to reserve your date!



Itasca Community Library

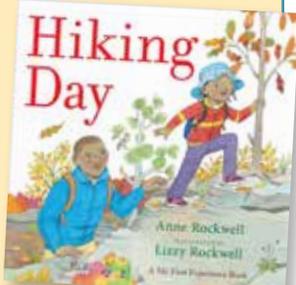
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INFORMATION. COMMUNITY. LEARNING

Take a StoryWalk® This Summer!

The library has teamed up with the Itasca Park District this summer to present a StoryWalk®, a fun way to combine reading and exercising. A StoryWalk® is a series of signs featuring spreads from a children's picture book. Those signs or pages are spread throughout indoor or outdoor spaces in all seasons, allowing a reader to follow along with a story by walking.



The StoryWalk® this summer will feature Anne Rockwell's picture book, *Hiking Day*, and it will be at the loop right next to the Springbrook Nature Center starting Monday, June 3. This project is sponsored by the library, the Itasca Park District, the Friends of the Itasca Community Library, and the Friends of Springbrook Nature Center of Itasca. The StoryWalk® Project was created by Anne Ferguson of Montpelier, Vermont, and developed in collaboration with the Vermont Bicycle & Pedestrian Coalition and the Kellogg Hubbard Library.

Hiking Day StoryWalk®

(geared to ages 3-6 years)

Wednesday, July 3, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Take a walk as you read a book at this storytime at the Springbrook Nature Center! After we take a StoryWalk® together outside, we'll have other fun nature-themed stories and activities to share. **Please meet at the Springbrook Nature Center at 2:55 p.m.** Registration is required.

Check out what's new at the library! Registration is required for most programs. Please visit itascalibrary.org for a complete calendar of programs for all ages.

It's Showtime at Your Library!

Youth and Teen Summer Reading Clubs

Join one of our *It's Showtime at Your Library!* Summer Reading Clubs. In addition to earning prizes for reading, there will be a weekly drawing for children and teens who regularly use the library. Stop by the Youth Help Desk each week to get your reading club folder stamped, and earn a ticket for the weekly drawing or a chance to spin the prize wheel!

Little Listeners Club: Birth – Age 2

Read 20 books and receive a prize for your baby or toddler.

Youth Club: Age 3 – Entering Grade 1

Earn prizes for reading or listening to 20, 30, and 40 books. For every 10 books you read after that, you'll earn a chance to spin the prize wheel!

Youth and Teen Clubs: Entering Grade 2 – High School

Earn prizes for reading 5, 10, and 15 hours. For every 5 hours you read after that, you'll earn a chance to enter the grand prize drawing!

Adult Summer Reading Club

Read three books or more through July 31 for a chance to win fabulous prizes. All book formats count - print, digital, audio - as long as they are checked out from the Itasca Community Library starting May 28. Register on our website or at the library and receive a registration prize. After you have read three books, your name will be entered into the grand prize drawing. Continue reading to earn additional chances to win. Open to ages 18 and up - all you need is a valid library card from any library.





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