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Monday
8:30am - 5:30pm

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8:30am - 2:00pm



Greetings from the Mayor's Desk

Sherman C. Jones



*Season's Greetings
and a Joyous New
Year from the Village of Broadview*



Message from Trustee John Ealey

Holiday greetings from the Buildings and Public Property Committee. Buildings and public property are just that. From the largest building to the tiniest notepad, everything is public property and owned by you, the taxpayers. My committee makes recommendations to the entire board and votes on same. The department heads and our paid employees do all the heavy lifting but questions still have to be asked, meetings held and research done before submission to the board. The votes held at board meetings are the result of a lot of activity behind the scenes.

Even though I am Committee Chair for Public Property, I am not limited to only those matters. The entire board votes on all matters pertinent to the Village and must therefore get involved in Financial, Police and Fire, Public Works and Building Department legislation. Once again, much (meetings, research, etc.) is done behind the scenes. We must gather as much information as possible in order to make informed voting decisions. Even though Trustee is a part-time position, it requires full time commitment.

As we say goodbye to 2010 (or good riddance), I can confidently state that steps have been taken that will ensure the present and future for the Village of Broadview. Happy holidays and a prosperous New Year to you and yours!

Smooth Seas do not make a skillful sailor - African Proverb

REMINDER FROM PUBLIC WORKS: For everyone's safety please remember it is a violation of ordinance 8-2-8 to blow, plow, or shovel snow into the streets. Violators are subject to tickets and fines. Snow from driveways and walkways should be shoveled or blown to the sides. This also helps reduce the Village's salt expenditure. Thank you for your cooperation.



Holiday Season Safety Tips



Christmas Tree Safety Tips

Picking the tree

- If you have an artificial tree, be sure it is labeled, certified, or identified by the manufacturer as fire retardant.
- Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

Placing the tree

- Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 1–2" from the base of the trunk.
- Make sure the tree is at least three feet away from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.
- Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.
- Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.

Lighting the tree

- Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini string sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- Never use lit candles to decorate the tree.
- Always turn off Christmas tree lights before leaving home or going to bed.

After Christmas

- Get rid of the tree when it begins dropping needles. Dried-out trees are a fire danger and should not be left in the home or garage, or placed outside against the home. Check with your local community to find a recycling program. Bring outdoor electrical lights inside after the holidays to prevent hazards and make them last longer.

For a live demonstration comparing a dry tree with a watered tree go to; You Tube-Christmas Tree.



Winter Driving Tips

Living in the Midwest of the country as we do is wonderful with the change of seasons. As the seasons change, so must our driving habits and awareness.

Winter snow and ice bring an entire set of different realities to the motorist and pedestrian. With particular attention to road conditions, motorists should be aware of these adverse conditions and practice the following basic rules of motoring:

1. Increase the distance between your vehicle and the one in front of you.
2. Have a clear windshield, rear window and side mirrors at all times.
3. Stay off the cell phone as much as possible while driving.
4. Make sure the windshield washer bottle is full with no-freeze fluid.
5. Do not leave your vehicle running and unattended, it is illegal to do so.

Other important tips for winter driving are:

- Maintain Your Car: Check battery, tire-tread, and anti freeze.
- Have On Hand: Flashlight, jumper cables, shovel, snow brush, scraper, blankets and flares. For long trips, add food, water, medication, and a cell phone.
- Practice Cold Weather Driving: During daylight, rehearse maneuvers slowly on the ice or snow in an empty lot. Steer into a skid. Know what your brakes can do. Don't idle for a long time with the windows up in an enclosed space.

Fire Emergency Call 9-1-1



Fire Department
2400 S. 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155
(708) 343-6124 (non-emergency)
John Tierney-Fire Chief

Carbon Monoxide Detectors

It is especially important this time of year that you check your Carbon Monoxide Detectors to make sure they are in proper working condition. I've enclosed some useful facts to assist you, but if you need additional assistance please contact the fire department.

Safety Guidelines

Follow these simple safety guidelines to avoid becoming an unnecessary victim of the "Silent Killer"...Carbon Monoxide poisoning:

- Purchase only UL approved CO detectors.
- Install CO detectors, per manufacturer's directions, on every level throughout the home.
- In hallways near the bedrooms
- In the home near the attached garage
- In rooms with space heaters or fireplaces
- In areas where you may work with paint thinners or strippers
- Have your furnace and water heater cleaned and checked on a yearly basis by a qualified contractor.
- Test CO detectors and Smoke Detectors on a monthly basis.
- Do not use any ventilating fans at the same time you are using a downdraft range, fireplace or wood burner.
- Take precautions and eliminate risks.
- Use all paint thinners or strippers in a well-ventilated area.
- Never run a gasoline engine (such as a car) in an area that is not ventilated...garage doors must be open when a vehicle is running. The safest practice is to back it out of the garage and close the door.
- Only use grills outside...they also give off CO.

Note: CO detectors should not be installed in garages, kitchens or furnace areas. The initial combustion of starting a car, turning on a range or igniting of the furnace may trigger the alarm.

Police Emergency Call 9-1-1



Police Department
2350 S. 25th Avenue
Broadview, Illinois 60155
(708) 345-6550 (non-emergency)
Ray Pelletier-Chief of Police



Tips to help you prepare your home for the winter season:

1) Furnace Inspection

- Call an HVAC professional to inspect your furnace and clean ducts.
- Stock up on furnace filters and change them monthly.
- Consider switching out your thermostat for a programmable thermostat.
- If your home is heated by a hot-water radiator, bleed the valves by opening them slightly and when water appears, close them.
- Remove all flammable material from area surrounding your furnace.

2) Get the Chimney/Fireplace Ready

- Cap or screen the top of the chimney to keep out rodents and birds.
- If the chimney hasn't been cleaned for a while, call a chimney sweep to remove soot and creosote.
- Buy firewood or chop wood. Store it in a dry place away from the exterior of your home.
- Inspect the fireplace damper for proper opening and closing.
- Check the mortar between bricks and tuckpoint, if necessary.

3) Check the Exterior, Doors and Windows

- Inspect exterior for crevice cracks and exposed entry points around pipes; seal them.
- Use weatherstripping around doors to prevent cold air from entering the home.
- If your home has a basement, consider protecting its window wells by covering them with plastic shields.
- Switch out screens with glass replacements from storage. If you have storm windows, install them. Also, you can use a window insulator kit.

4) Inspect Roof, Gutters & Downspouts

- If your weather temperature will fall below 32 degrees in the winter, adding extra insulation to the attic will prevent warm air from creeping to your roof and causing ice dams.
- Check flashing to ensure water cannot enter the home.
- Replace worn roof shingles or tiles.
- Clean out the gutters and use a hose to spray water down the downspouts to clear away debris.
- Consider installing leaf guards on the gutters or extensions on the downspouts to direct water away from the home.

5) Service Weather-Specific Equipment

- Drain gas from lawnmowers.
- Service or tune-up snow blowers.
- Replace worn rakes and snow shovels.
- Clean, dry and store summer gardening equipment.
- Sharpen ice choppers and buy bags of ice-melt / sand.

6) Check Foundations

- Rake away all debris from the foundation.
- Seal up entry points to keep small animals from crawling under the house.
- Tuckpoint or seal foundation cracks. Mice can slip through space as thin as a dime.
- Inspect sill plates for dry rot or pest infestation.
- Secure crawlspace entrances.

7) Install Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors

- You should have a smoke detector in every room.
- Buy extra smoke detector batteries and change them when daylight savings ends.
- Install a carbon monoxide detector near your furnace and / or water heater.
- Test smoke and carbon monoxide detectors to make sure they work.
- Buy a fire extinguisher or replace an extinguisher older than 10 years.

8) Prevent Plumbing Freezes

- Locate your water main in the event you need to shut it off in an emergency.
- Drain all garden hoses.
- Insulate exposed plumbing pipes. Wrap them with pre-molded foam rubber sleeves, fiberglass insulation, or heating tape.
- Drain air conditioner pipes and, if your AC has a water shut-off valve, turn it off.
- If you go on vacation, leave the heat on, set to at least 55 degrees.

9) Prepare Landscaping & Outdoor Surfaces

- Trim trees if branches hang too close to the house or electrical wires.
- Ask a gardener when your trees should be pruned to prevent winter injury.
- Seal driveways, brick patios and wood decks.
- Move sensitive potted plants indoors or to a sheltered area.

10) Reverse that Fan

- By reversing its direction from the summer operation, the fan will push warm air downward and force it to recirculate, keeping you more comfortable. As you look up, the blades should be turning clockwise.

11) Prepare an Emergency Kit

- Buy indoor candles/matches/lighter and flashlight for use during a power shortage.
- Find the important phone numbers and tape them near your phone or inside the phone book. Get an extra battery for your cell phone.
- Buy a battery back-up to protect your computer and sensitive electronic equipment.
- Store extra bottled water and non-perishable food supplies (including pet food, if you have a pet), blankets and a first-aid kit in a dry and easy-to-access location.
- Prepare an evacuation plan in the event of an emergency.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

BUILDING DEPARTMENT STAFF

LINDA, WALTER, ERIC, GINA, DAVID



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David Upshaw-Commissioner



Mayor, Trustees & Committees meet on the 1st & 3rd Monday of every month.

Mayor, Trustees, Committees & Department Heads meet on the 3rd Monday of every month.

All meetings are open to the public and are held in the Council Chambers of the Municipal Building at 2350 S. 25th Avenue.

All Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m.

Residents are encouraged to attend.

Public Works Year in Review



As this year concludes, the Public Works Department reflects on the challenges we have had to address and overcome. From heavy wind storm damages, village wide floods and massive cleanups, to implementing the cross connection (clean water) program and more. We've had more stressful days and nights than I care to recount. But, we recognize that it's all part of our job and an honor to deliver the services necessary for a clean, functional community. We take this time to acknowledge first and foremost you, the taxpaying residents for your patience and support. The well wishers, who continue to call, send letters and cards, or visit to say that our efforts are appreciated, we thank you!

We would also like to thank our Village Board especially those committee members Trustee Kevin McGrier, Trustee John Ealey, and Trustee Woodie Morris, Jr; for their tireless efforts to make sure we have the necessary tools for the services we provide. As we continue to move the village forward through our department, we look for the Board's continued support and commitment.

Lastly, we want to remind everyone to please observe the snow bans while we plow and salt the Village streets and alleys. Please use your driveways and garages when possible, and keep the streets clear of trash and recycle cans. As always you can call in any concerns and oversights to Public Works at 708.681.3602. Season's Greetings from the Public Works Department.

Sincerely,
Matt Ames



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