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8:30am - 2:00pm

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From the Mayor's Desk

REFLECTIONS:

Over the last ten months, nature has provided some significant challenges. Three of the worst weather systems Broadview has experienced in years swept through town damaging personal and public property along the way. Those three systems included a windstorm that befell numerous trees along the East/West corridor of 14th street, the infamous flood, and the heaviest snowfall since the record volumes of 1967. Each produced conditions many had not experienced before. Without belaboring the point and going into specifics, I must say that while each of the weather systems provided

different and unique challenges for all, Broadview residents, businesses and especially Village service departments performed admirably in response.

The past year has seen Replogle Globe announce that it is leaving, Porter Athletics relocate and restaurants La Cocina De Mi General and Tojo's close. All is not lost though; Broadview has seen an infusion of new businesses. The Blue Note (Jazz Club), Brighter Image (solar electronics), Home Health (medical supplies), ATI (physical therapy), LA Fitness, Unique Auto, and Ashley Furniture have already opened. Deals Inc. is scheduled to open soon in the Village Square Mall with more to come, stay tuned.

VISION, PROGRESS

As Mayor I want to ensure and improve the quality of life for all stakeholders of the Village of Broadview. Presently, I am in the planning stages to maximize the staffing levels of the Police, Fire and Public Works departments. The Village must be able to fit additional staff into the budget. A thorough review of expenses and trends must be completely evaluated and compared against revenues prior to going out and hiring employees.

In 2010, I directed Police Chief Pelletier to reapply for the COPS Grant. The grant was competitive as more than 50 municipalities applied. I am pleased to inform you that Broadview was selected as a recipient of the grant and on March 16, 2011 the Village Board voted to accept the COPS Grant. The grant will pay for a Police Officer for the next three years.

Infrastructure improvement and commercial development are critical for the future of Broadview. I have actively sought out developers, businesses and lobbyists. Currently, the Village has several proposals for developing Roosevelt Rd. with numerous businesses interested in occupancy. To that end, I have entertained discussions with at least four different groups to represent Broadview to enhance our ability to procure funding in all areas. It is my expectation that Broadview will become a model community for all and a destination for some.

Ultimately, I plan to reduce your taxes through tax rebates. However, in order to do that a foundation must be laid for creating sustainable alternative revenue streams that produce residual income. We must maximize current traditional revenue streams while at the same time streamlining Village expenses. How do we do that? We start by managing what we have, our current employees and equipment. Second, negotiate contracts that are reasonable, resulting in a sharing of expenses and allowing for flexibility in areas where savings can be realized. Third, continue to grow the tax base through actively seeking and procuring developments and businesses that are financially sound, sustainable and fit the needs of our community.

Be mindful that change is inevitable, for as sure as time passes change will come. We must look ahead without dwelling on past transgressions for if we continue to look where we have been, we certainly cannot see where we are headed! The Village must continue to move forward into the 21st century and beyond. This Village must do things today that others will not, so that tomorrow, we will have things that others may not. I believe that our Village has a bright future and I encourage you to be a part of it, get involved.

I am most humble and certainly proud to be selected by you to represent and be the face of Broadview during these difficult times.

Sherman Jones
Mayor
Village of Broadview

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Message from Trustee Woodie Morris

Hello residents of Broadview, as Village Trustee and Finance Committee Chairman I want to say, **"IT'S ALL GOOD!"** What I mean is from this unique perspective I am encouraged by the considerable progress we've made as a Village in the two years of my service. Through the Mayor's initiatives we've witnessed the restoration of our Village finances and the overall reshaping of our government. By no means am I satisfied, as I must also acknowledge the many challenges that remain.

I am committed to continuing my work to modernize and rationalize Village operations for years to come and to that end, hope you will join me. So simply put it really is good when we hold to the vision for a better and United Broadview and the continued movement forward. I hope to see you at the polls on April 5th and wish you all The Best!

Sincerely,
Trustee Woodie Morris



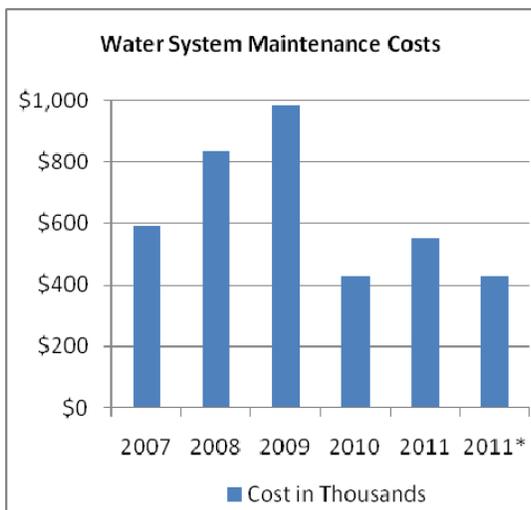
The Finance Department

Budget Director, Thomas Hood

There had been much incorrect information being discussed in our community recently, this column is to inform the public of the facts related to Public Works expenditures. This information is from our financials and has been verified back to the cash payments from the Village bank account. The expenditures through FY10 have been audited and published in the local newspaper. The FY11 figures are through March 3, 2011.

Since 2006, when the Village dramatically changed how Public Works functions were performed, outside contractors have been utilized to maintain public infrastructure. The graph shows the amount of funds spent each year on our water distribution system. During the first year of the current administration, the amount **declined 57%** from the previous year and 47% when compared to the prior three year average cost.

During the current fiscal year, Fy11, there has been an increase in these costs. However, much of this increase is related directly to the flooding that occurred last summer. When those costs are removed from the total (2011*), the year to year increase is less than 1%. Note that the totals include all contractors who did work. Even during the prior administration, no individual contractor was paid in excess of \$1million a year, in fact the combined total has never reached that mark.



VEHICLE STICKERS

Available for purchase at the Village Hall
\$25.00 each
Must be displayed by June 15, 2011

BROADVIEW SPRING CLEAN-UP DAY SATURDAY, MAY 7, 2011

Residents may dispose of similar domestic and commercial large appliances such as: ranges, refrigerators (remove doors), washer, dryers, freezers, air conditioners, and humidifiers.



Contact Groot Disposal at (708) 485-0900 for any other objects that need to be discarded by the resident of a residential unit.

PAY WATER BILL ONLINE

Residents can now go to the E-PAY website at www.illinoisepay.com/epay/ for online payment of water bills. Residents will need to key in their water bill account number to see how much they owe. The forms of payment accepted are Master card, Discover and American Express.

Online payment (E-PAY) of water bills will be available starting March 15, 2011. Check the village website for details. www.villageofbroadview.com.



ELECTION DAY

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

Precincts will be open from 6 AM to 7 PM

Check with the Village Clerk (708) 681-3600 for the location of your precinct.

Early voting ends on March 14, 2011.

Village of Broadview

FIRE DEPARTMENT



John Tierney - Fire Chief
2400 S. 25th Avenue
9-1-1 EMERGENCY
(708) 343-6124 (non-emergency)

SPRING SAFETY TIPS

DID YOU REMEMBER?



With the changing of the clocks last week did you remember to change the batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors? Through the International Association of Fire Chiefs and carried throughout the state we ask that when you change your clocks you change your batteries as well.

This will insure that in a case of an emergency your detectors will operate properly.

WATCH OUT FOR CHILDREN PLAYING

With the warmer weather and schools letting out for Spring Break and summer, right around the corner, there will be more kids playing outside and enjoying the nice weather. Please keep an eye out for them.

DID YOU SIGN UP?

- Sign up to receive notification of Emergencies or Public Safety Announcements from the Village of Broadview. If you are a business owner and would like to receive these notifications through your cell phone, in case of power outages, we can accommodate that as well. If you are already signed up and need to make corrections please give us a call and will make the corrections. If you should have any other questions regarding this system please give the fire department a call or send me an email.
- Sign up NOW to have your home inspected by one of our trained professionals. We will do a complete home inspection and show you how to prevent accidents and fires in your home. This is a NO violation inspection. This inspection will help you to create a safe home environment for you and your family. Not only is this informational but it absolutely FREE. Just give us a call to schedule an appointment. We will also do them in the evenings to accommodate your schedule.

OTHER REMINDERS

- Make sure you have certified working fire extinguishers around your home and garages. Read the instructions before you need it. They should be readily available should you need it.
- Check all power cords for any cuts or defects. Replace if needed.
- No outside burning of materials. This is a Village Ordinance as well as a Cook County EPA Law.
- Contact the Cook County EPA for any disposal sites of hazardous materials you might have around the home such as pesticides, insecticides, fertilizers, cleaning products etc. They do provide drop sites throughout the area. When the CCEPA post the drop sites we will provide a list and make it available to you at the village hall.

POLICE DEPARTMENT



Ray Pelletier - Chief of Police
2350 S. 25th Avenue
9-1-1 EMERGENCY
(708) 345-6550 (non-emergency)

NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

It's spring and summertime again, and the rip-off artists are out looking for their next victim. Every spring and summer, homeowners, across the nation, are victimized by these rip-off artists. This type of crime is referred to as "Residential Property Scams." The elderly are especially targeted, along with those in poorly kept homes. These criminals usually work in pairs, and generally use two types of methods: "Home Repair Fraud" and "Ruse Entry."

The Home Repair Scam involves a pair of individuals, who cruise a neighborhood looking for potential homes. Once one is located, the pair approaches the homeowner and offer to do some sort of repair, roofing, tuckpointing, siding, and driveway sealant. The homeowner is given a quote at a cut-rate price. But upon completion of the work, a much higher fee is requested, under the pretense of using more materials. Remember, any work done, is usually substandard. Contact the Village Building Department if you are suspicious about a contractor. The Building Department has a list of contractors working in the area.

The most common scam, the Ruse Entry, involves locating an elderly homeowner's house. Once located, the Rip-Off artists will approach the victim, claiming to be village employees, or utility workers (ComEd, Nicor, etc). They will need to get into the home to check something, water, gas, or electric meters. Once they are inside, one person will keep the homeowner busy, as another person enters thru an unlocked door and commits a burglary to the residence, usually taking cash or jewelry.

When someone wants to get into your home, posing as a village or utility worker, or offering to do home repair, say "No" and ask for identification. Then contact the Police Department immediately. Most residential property schemes go unreported.

BEWARE!!! LET'S WATCH OUT FOR EACH OTHER, ESPECIALLY OUR ELDERLY. BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



David Upshaw - Commissioner
2350 S. 25th Avenue
(708) 345-8174

SPRING INSPECTIONS



The Village of Broadview will begin exterior residential inspections in April 2011. The following items will be inspected: Walls, Fences, Garages, Windows, Walk ways, Side Drives, Roofs, Downspouts, Yards, Gutters, Stairs and porches, Garbage.

They will be rated as follows:

D – Deficient

G – Good

V – Violation

Comments will be made as to what needs to be removed, replaced, or repaired. All residents will have 1 year from the date of the inspection to correct violations. If you have any questions, please call the Building Department at (708) 345-8174.

Village of Broadview



PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT



Matthew Ames - Director
2734 S. 9th Avenue
(708) 681-3602



POTHOLES

The Village needs you, as residents, to be our eyes and ears in Broadview, by reporting any potholes or service leaks you notice.

Simply call Broadview Public Works at 708-681-3602 day or night. Make sure to leave an address of the pothole or service leak and mention whether it's located on the curb side or in the center of the street.



YARD WASTE COLLECTION

- Yard waste bags and Brush pick-up will begin on Monday, April 4, 2011 through Friday, November 11, 2011, and should be placed on the parkways Sunday evenings for Monday pick-up.
- Yard waste stickers can be purchased at the Village Hall for \$2.00 each and biodegradable bags can be purchased for \$4.00 a bundle or at your local store.
- Yard waste bags will be picked up daily and should be placed on the parkways.
- Stickers must be placed on yard waste bags; this includes grass, flowers, dead plants, small branches less than two feet, twigs, and clippings. Please do not use bags for dirt or stones.
- Dead leaves should be raked up in the spring and must go into a biodegradable bag as yard waste. Only in the fall, will piles of newly fallen leaves be picked up from the parkway.
- Public Works will not pick up cut down trees or branches from a contractor.

BRUSH PICK-UP

Every Monday of the week

To ensure the brush is picked up from the parkway follow these instructions:

- Branches must be no longer than parkway.
- Small twigs or hedge clippings less than two feet long will not be accepted.
- Brush must be stacked neatly with the cut end facing the curb, and not covering the sidewalk.
- Remove all wire, steel, bars, vines, nails or other foreign objects from piles.
- Brush must be stacked on the Avenue side of street and not the Street side.
- **Contractors must remove and haul away their own brush (Public Works does not pick up brush or logs cut down by contractors).**
- Brush pick-up begins on the first Monday in April and ends approximately November, or until the first snowfall.

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.



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