

*VILLAGE OF FOREST VIEW*  
*NEWSLETTER*  
*SPRING 2022*



A decorative border of colorful Easter eggs surrounds the text. The eggs feature various patterns including stripes, polka dots, and floral designs in colors like blue, green, yellow, orange, and pink.

Happy St. Patrick's Day, Happy Spring and Happy Easter!

Hope you are all ready for some green beer, daffodil's & tulips and Easter eggs. Speaking of which, check your front porch on Easter Sunday.

After a long search, we have hired a full time Police Chief. Steve Stelter officially joined our Forest View Police Dept. on Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. He will bring a wealth of knowledge to the department and our Village. We thank Sgt. Marco Perez for his service as Interim Chief. He will be resuming his duties as Sergeant.

We have purchased a "chip scanner". It will be kept in the police dept. We strongly urge all residents to have their pets, especially dogs, chipped. It is relatively inexpensive and can be done by your Veterinarian in minutes. If your dog gets lost and is found or worse, is injured, the chip can ensure you will be reunited with your furry family member. If your pet is injured and is not chipped, chances are your pet will be euthanized. Collars can come loose and fall off so they are not a guarantee your pet will be returned. See inside for more info on chipping.

Mark your calendars for Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>-6:30 pm. Learn about all the new and exciting things that have been happening and will happen in our Village. Yummy treats provided. PLEASE RSVP

Please sign up for Code Red if you have not already. This can be a great safety and informative feature for you and your family. Also, check out the new form for residents who live alone-not just for seniors.

Warm Regards,  
Village President, Nancy L. Miller



**President  
Nancy L. Miller**

*Incorporated December 8, 1924*

**State OF  
THE Village  
Address**

*Celebrating 98 years*

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31, 2022 | 6:30 PM**

**ART TRECKLER ROOM**

**FOREST VIEW VILLAGE HALL**

**7000 W. 46TH STREET**

Please RSVP to Lucy Vogt at 708-788-3429 or email  
[info@forestview-il.org](mailto:info@forestview-il.org)

**FREE TO PUBLIC | LIGHT REFRESHMENTS**



## "I Live Alone" Form

If you live alone or know of someone who lives alone, enroll in the "I Live Alone" program. An information card about you will contain the names of friends, relatives, doctor and any medical concerns that you may have. This information will be kept in our files should an emergency arise at your address. **It will be kept strictly confidential.** If you desire, the police or fire staff will make a daily or weekly telephone call to your home with a friendly "How are you?"

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of emergency, contact the persons listed below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Key Holder? YES  NO

Would you like staff to phone you daily or weekly?

YES  NO  If yes, please specify a time \_\_\_\_\_ Daily  Weekly

Optional:

Family Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Attended: \_\_\_\_\_

Known Medical Concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

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As of Monday morning, March 7, Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher have raised nearly \$17 million of their \$30 million goal to help the people of Ukraine.

Kunis and Kutcher have been joined by other celebrities in pledging money to aid Ukrainians. Model Gigi Hadid pledged to donate all her earnings from Fashion Month "to aid those suffering from the war in Ukraine, as well as continuing to support those experiencing the same in Palestine." Hadid's father is Palestinian, and she has long been a vocal supporter of Palestinian causes.

Actress Reese Witherspoon commented on Kutcher's Instagram posts about the fundraiser, writing, "Donating now! uA" and "Thank you for this incredible work!" Witherspoon also tweeted she's supporting Ukrainian refugees and their children through Choose Love's Ukraine Crisis Fundraiser.

*Original, 3/4/22:* In 1991, Mila Kunis fled Ukraine. The actress was born in Chernivtsi, a city in southwestern Ukraine, and was just 7 years old when her Jewish family left what was then the Soviet Union. The Kunis family came to the U.S. on a religious refugee visa; as Mila told *Glamour* in 2017, "My parents went through hell and back. They came to America with suitcases and a family of seven and \$250, and that's it." She started acting classes to learn English, and seven years after she arrived in America, she landed her breakout role in *That 70s Show*.

Three decades after she and her family left their homeland as refugees, Kunis is teaming up with her husband, Ashton Kutcher, to help those fleeing from the current conflict in her native Ukraine. The United Nations estimates one million refugees have fled Ukraine in just one week.

Whether you are of Ukrainian descent or not, I'm sure you find this Russian activity very disturbing. This caught my eye as "That 70's Show" is one of my favorite's with "Jackie & Steven" as a couple. That being Mila Kunis and Ashton Kutcher also a real-life couple.

This is a senseless invasion prompted by greed. **Please keep this country and its' people in your prayers.**



## MICRO CHIPS-QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

### **What does it mean to microchip your dog/cat?**

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A microchip is a tiny, computerized chip that's placed underneath your pet's skin, usually around the shoulder area. It's about the size of a grain of rice. The purpose of it is to be a form of identification should your cat/dog get lost and wind up at the shelter or a veterinary hospital.

### **Why do veterinarians recommend dog/cat microchipping?**

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We recommend microchipping for your dog/cat because if they were ever to get lost for whatever reason, the microchip is used to identify who the dog/cat is and who the owner is, and get them back to you as soon as possible.

### **Is microchipping dangerous or painful for my dog/cat?**

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No. There's absolutely no danger to microchip, and there's no pain because it's a beveled needle, so it slips right under the skin. We can insert them when the dog/cat is awake, and I don't think I've ever had a dog/cat notice it. Or we'll do it when they're getting spayed.

### **How is the cat microchip used to identify my dog/cat?**

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There's a little scanning device that we can run over your pet. All the shelters and veterinary hospitals know, if someone were to turn in a dog/cat, to go ahead and check for their microchip because it's standard these days. We'll use that to identify who the dog/cat is, contact the company and find out who the owners are, and get in contact with you to let you know we have your pet.

### **Why does my dog/cat need a microchip if they already have a collar with a tag?**

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Collars can be easily lost and slip off the dog/cat. So that's the reason. And a lot of people don't keep a collar on their pets. We want to have microchips that have a permanent form of identification.

### **Will my dog/cat's microchip be able to tell my pet's location?**

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No-it is not a GPS.

### **Who can scan my pet's microchip information?**

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Anyone that has a scanner can do it. Almost all veterinary hospitals, shelters and some police stations have scanners.



### **What if I forget or lose my pet's microchip information?**

The information is stored online with the company who provided the microchip. And so even if you lose all your information, they should have it available. It is super important, though, to make sure you **update your information when you move or your phone number has changed so they have a way of contacting you.**

### **Can anyone with a scanner access my contact information for my pet's microchip?**

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Yes. Whoever has a scanner can identify that your pet has a microchip and contact that company who provides that microchip, and then get the information that way.

### **What information is provided with a microchip?**

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In general, the most vital information is the owner's name and the phone number. The address can be on there as well so we know what area they are from. But mostly we want to know how to contact you, so email and a phone number are the most essential to keep updated.

### **Is my personal information available with the microchip?**

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No, the information that's available is we know that your pet has a microchip and what the number is, and then we'll send that to the company. And the company that you chose will go ahead and contact you and let you know that someone has your pet, and who that is and where they are located.

### **Will my pet's microchip stay in place?**

Yes, the microchip is made to stay wherever it's placed. It might migrate a very small amount, but in general it stays in place. And they're very safe, too.

They can be removed if necessary, but they're generally treated as more-or-less permanent, and most are designed to work for 25 years.

Typically, **dogs and cats can get microchipped as early as 12 weeks of age** (though you should always defer to your veterinarian's recommendations). And it's a good idea to get your pet microchipped as soon as possible, to make sure he's identified even if his ID tags or collar get lost or damaged. Losing track of your furry best friend is incredibly stressful, but knowing your pet has a microchip can help alleviate some of the uncertainty.

## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW



**VILLAGE CLERK / TREASURER  
LAURA MCGUFFEY**

Laura McGuffey started working on September 1, 2021 as the Village Clerk / Treasurer. When asked what she loved most about her job, Laura mentioned “as Village Clerk, it has been so exciting to have a more active role in the community where I was born and raised and where I raised my family. I feel that serving as Village Clerk provides an opportunity to give back to a community that I loved being a part of my entire life.”

Laura joins us, bringing many years of experience working in Human Resources, Payroll, Benefits and Accounting.

Growing up, Laura attended Home School, St. Pius X, and Haley Junior High and graduated from Morton West High School. She has been a resident of Forest View for over 50 years. Laura and her husband raised two sons and a daughter in Forest View. Laura said her family has been blessed with two grandsons and two granddaughters and recently rescued a very energetic 10-year-old Chinese Crested Powder Puff. She loves spending time with her family and friends, reading and sewing.

Laura has a strong family history in the Village of Forest View. Laura stated, “My grandfather was the Village President from 1943 to 1957 and my father was the Chief of Police in the 50’s. My grandparents raised a son (my dad) and a daughter who attended Haley School and Morton East High School. I have always been so proud to live in the Village of Forest View, it has always been a great place to live and raise a family.”

“The Village had their first Oktoberfest which was a huge success. It was so nice to see so many Forest View residents come out for the event. I met a lot of new residents and residents that I had not seen in over 40 years. We had our first Veterans Day Celebration that was fantastic and I only wish that they had done this back when by dad and brother were still with us. I never realized how much work is involved in making a Village something to be proud of and I feel honored to be a part of the process. With the new Administration in office I see so many opportunities to help the Village prosper and be successful”, Laura mentioned.

Welcome Laura, we are so lucky to share in your knowledge and dedication that you bring to the Village of Forest View.



## SOMEONE YOU SHOULD KNOW



**KEVIN SPATZ  
POLICE OFFICER**

Welcome Officer Kevin Spatz. Officer Spatz has joined our Forest View Police Department as a full time Police Officer in January, 2022.

Officer Spatz is a graduate from Marist High School in Chicago. He has been serving communities as a Police Officer since 2019. When we asked Officer Spatz what he enjoyed most about his career with the Police Department, he replied, "I enjoy being a Police Officer and being able to protect the community and make a difference."

Officer Spatz has additional training in Patrol Tactics, Tactical Medic, EMT, and as a Truck Enforcement Officer.

When Officer Spatz is not at work, he enjoys spending quality time with friends and family.

Officer Spatz mentioned that he looks forward to having a long and productive career here at the Village of Forest View. We are very lucky to have him as such an important part of our Village family.

Thank you for your service Officer Spatz.

## Tony Bennett Demonstrates the Power of Music Against Alzheimer's Disease

Despite living with Alzheimer's disease, Tony Bennett continues to inspire others and demonstrate the power of music.

The signs of memory loss were subtle and gradual at first and could reasonably be brushed off as aging—or “Tony being Tony,” says Susan Benedetto, wife of the legendary singer Tony Bennett.

“I'd ask him to make a decision about something, and a lot of the time he'd say, 'You do it for me.' But that's Tony. I figured, he's a star and people do things for him; that's just the way it is,” she says. Another time—during a quick weekend away without her husband—she called Bennett to remind him to take his medicine. “He said, 'I don't know what you're talking about.' I told him to go to the bathroom and look for the case that says 'Monday Tuesday Wednesday... ' and he said it wasn't there. Then I called back half an hour later and said, 'Tone, I need you to take your medicine.' He said, 'Oh, I took those.' I just figured he's getting older, he doesn't pay attention, and I do more than I should for him.”

Bennett, who turned 95 last August, had long seemed ageless. Born Anthony Dominick Benedetto in Queens, NY, he started his career shortly after he returned home from the front lines in Germany after World War II. He first became famous as a crooner with chart-toppers like “Because of You.” When he recorded the show tune “Stranger in Paradise,” from the Broadway musical *Kismet*, he became an international celebrity. In the 1950s and 1960s, he focused on jazz and standards, recording with the Count Basie Orchestra and releasing dozens of hits, including his signature song, “I Left My Heart in San Francisco.”

The singer's popularity waned in the 1970s and 1980s, and his career stalled. Record companies suggested he update his image and song repertoire, but his efforts in that direction flopped. Eventually, his older son, Danny, stepped in as manager and made his father cool again. When Bennett appeared on MTV's *Unplugged* with Elvis Costello and k.d. lang in 1994, the children and grandchildren of his early fans discovered Bennett's appeal, and his career began anew. The album based on his MTV appearance went platinum.

In the years that followed, Bennett toured and performed extensively; he appeared on *Saturday Night Live* in 2006, sang with Billy Joel in the final concerts at Shea Stadium in 2008 before the stadium was demolished, and released a 2011 album titled *Duets* that paired him with 17 singers— including Aretha Franklin, Willie Nelson, Queen Latifah, and Lady Gaga—from a surprising range of genres. In the mid-2000s, Bennett was still doing more than 100 shows a year. It seemed that nothing could stop Tony Bennett. To borrow a phrase from Rod Stewart, another ageless performer, he appeared to be forever young.

But the memory problems that had begun in 2014 became more pronounced. “It took me a while to realize,” says Susan, 55, who’s been married to Bennett since 2007 but has been his partner for more than 30 years. “I’d say, ‘Where are your glasses?’ and he’d reach up and grab them out of his pocket and look at me like, ‘Are these them?’ I thought he was just teasing me. Or we’d go to a dinner party and I’d say, ‘Tone, tell them a story about Frank Sinatra.’ And he’d just say, ‘He was my best friend,’ and not tell the story. I’d think maybe he didn’t like the people or he didn’t want to go out that night, but in hindsight he just wasn’t able to tell the story.”

### Turning Point

Then one day in 2015, Bennett mentioned to Susan that he couldn’t remember the names of the musicians with whom he was performing. “These are guys he’s worked with for years,” she says. Susan asked him if he wanted to talk to a doctor about it, and he agreed. “That took us down the path that so many people affected by this disease are familiar with.”

A year later, after numerous tests and doctors’ appointments, Gayatri Devi, MD, FAAN, a neurologist at Manhattan’s Lenox Hill Hospital, diagnosed Bennett with Alzheimer’s disease. For several years afterward, Susan, Bennett’s other family members, and doctors honored his wish to keep the information private. “He never wanted the public to know he had problems,” Susan says. “He never believed in getting publicity that way. He always felt he was in the business of making people feel good and forget their troubles. Who wants to go to a show and have the singer stand up and talk about his problems?”

As the disease progressed, Susan would run interference for Tony when they had dinner with friends or took a walk in Central Park. “If I’d see a friend coming our way, I’d say, ‘Hey, Tone, you remember Gina, right?’ I tried to get him to fake it. He wouldn’t want to have you feel insulted if he didn’t remember you,” she says. “And he’d give a big smile and say, ‘Hey, hi, sweetheart!’ He wouldn’t have to say more than that, and I’d carry the conversation.”

Bennett was often disengaged or vacant—unless he was in front of the piano. Whether he was onstage or rehearsing at home with his longtime music director and pianist Lee Musiker, as soon as he began to sing—sometimes as soon as he heard the piano music—he was the old Tony Bennett again: in glorious voice and in full command of his vast repertoire of songs. The shadowy mask of dementia was replaced with the easy charm of a lifelong entertainer.

Even when other things fell away, the music remained. “Tony has painted for most of his life, but he hasn’t kept that up. I can sometimes get him to at least sketch, but it doesn’t last long,” Susan says. “I’ll show him videos of him sketching, and he might say, ‘Why don’t I do that anymore? I should do that, Susan.’ The only thing that stimulates him and gets him to be in the absolute present is when he’s performing, and especially performing in front of an audience. It’s the music that saves him.”

Bennett toured regularly right up to the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. “Until he was 91 or 92, he could perform for an hour and a half with no teleprompter,” Susan says. Bennett’s last show before the shutdown was on March 11, 2020, at the Count Basie Center for the Arts in Red Bank, NJ.

During the pandemic, Susan has made sure Tony has had a regular routine of performing, even if it is just in their New York City apartment. Musiker comes to rehearse with him for an hour or so twice a week, and on the other days Susan sings with him. “We have a trainer who comes in five days a week to exercise with him, and we go to the park every day when the weather is good,” she says. “I’ve learned that routine is very important for people with Alzheimer’s disease. He needs to know physically where to go and what’s going to happen next, and we try not to get him from A to B too fast.”

### Passion Embodied

In late 2020, the impending release of *Love for Sale*, Bennett’s new album with Lady Gaga—they’d formed a close friendship after that 2011 duet, and *Cheek to Cheek*, their 2014 album of standards, had debuted at No. 1 on *Billboard*’s Top 200 pop/rock chart—meant his diagnosis could no longer be concealed. Promoting the new record would require interviews, something Bennett was unable to do. Susan and Danny decided it was time to make his diagnosis public.

“We knew we couldn’t keep it from people forever,” Susan says. “In an ideal world, Tony would never want to tell people his problems, but we thought that maybe his story could be inspirational for others and we could do a little good here.”

Susan believed her husband would want to go public if it could help others. “He has always been there for anybody in need, so hopefully he can continue to do that by showing people that the diagnosis of Alzheimer’s disease doesn’t mean you go home, shut the door, and lose your entire life. You can still contribute. You can still connect. And you should keep doing whatever you’re passionate about for as long as you can. That will help you.”

The power of that passion was on full display in August 2021, when Bennett and Gaga performed at New York’s Radio City Music Hall to celebrate his 95th birthday. During the two sold-out shows, Bennett sang more than a dozen songs and got at least 20 standing ovations. The concerts were months in the making. “You should have seen me—I was driving myself bonkers,” Susan says. “I kept rehearsing with him. ‘In case this makes a difference, let’s go over this song for the 20th time today.’ There was a lot of ramp-up, but boy, did he deliver.”

*One Last Time: An Evening with Tony Bennett and Lady Gaga*, which aired on CBS in November, showcased Bennett at his best as he performed favorites like “Steppin’ Out with My Baby,” “Fly Me to the Moon,” and “This Is All I Ask,” with its poignant final line, “And let the music play as long as there’s a song to sing, and I will stay younger than spring.” “Should we keep going?” he asked the crowd after one of the many standing ovations. “Wow! What a great audience!”

When Gaga joined him onstage in a dazzling gold evening gown and greeted him with a saucy “Hey, Tony!” Bennett responded like his old self. “Whoa! Lady Gaga!” he proclaimed. As Gaga took a twirl in that sparkling dress, Bennett grinned. “I like that! Do it again!” She obliged, and the audience went wild.

What they didn’t know was that it was the first time Bennett had greeted his friend by name in a long time. Lady Gaga later told Anderson Cooper in an interview on *60 Minutes* that during rehearsals, he’d always greeted her as “sweetheart,” and she wasn’t entirely sure he knew her name. “When I walked out on that stage and he said, ‘It’s Lady Gaga,’ my friend saw me, and it was very special.”

When the show ended and Lady Gaga escorted Bennett offstage, he told Susan, "The public loved it!"

His singing in a concert five years after his diagnosis is meaningful for people, says Susan. "He became Tony again. When he rehearses, he'll sing beautifully and chat a little with the piano player, but it's not the same as the performance."

Onstage, she says, Tony's old mannerisms return, he understands what he's singing, and he's totally connected with his audience. "When he sang, 'Beautiful girls, walk a little slower when you walk by me,' he chuckled on that line, which he never did in rehearsal. Nothing stimulates him like being in front of an audience."

### Reality of Caregiving

Bennett's days are punctuated with visits from his sons and grandchildren, the trainer, and Musiker, his pianist and music director. But Susan is his primary caregiver and rarely leaves his side. "It's up and down. Sometimes I think I have a handle on this, and sometimes I think I don't," she says. She does her best to stay healthy as a caregiver. "I try to eat well. The COVID-19 pandemic has given us no choice. I've been doing a lot of home cooking, so I've made very healthy meals for both of us. I exercise as much as I can. And I rely on a small handful of really close friends to help me through the tough times."

She admits it can be difficult. "I'm not complaining at all, because I know things could be far worse, but it's a strain. Tony's neurologist is one of my dearest friends, and she's saved me so many times. When we go for our appointments, she'll tell me, 'Go out and take a walk. Tony's fine right here.'" Susan also takes time to visit friends or run errands when the housekeeper or Bennett's trainer arrives.

That's essential, because caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease can be isolating. "I'm kind of alone in a way, unless he's having a really good day," she says. "Like today, for example, the morning has been busy, but once the trainer leaves, Tony's got nothing on for the rest of the day. It's cloudy and the weather's bad, so we probably won't go to the park." That's when she feels alone. "But when he rehearses, when I hear him sing, that makes it all worthwhile. That gets me through. Then I realize: That's Tony."



Lady Gaga, 2021-Radio City Music Hall

Since his diagnosis of Alzheimer's, Tony Bennett can still engage with music.

# FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...

## LOCAL ELECTIONS



Local elections will be held on **Tuesday, June 28, 2022** at the Village Hall in the Art Treckler Room located on the second floor. Polls are open from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Early Voting** – For your convenience, any registered suburban voter may cast a ballot at one of the Cook County Clerk’s early voting sites from **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> through Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Voters do not need to provide an excuse or reason why they cannot make it to the polls on Election Day.

NOTE: You can Register to Vote at Early Voting Sites.

**Vote by Mail** – Any registered suburban Cook County voter may request a mail ballot by using an online application (go to [www.cookcountyclerk.com](http://www.cookcountyclerk.com)) or pick-up paper application at the Village Office or call the Cook County Clerk’s Office at 312-603-0946 and request one.

### **Early Voting Site:**

Stickney – Forest View Public Library  
6800 43rd St, Stickney, IL 60402  
708-749-1050

Monday, June 13, 2022 – Sunday, June 19, 2022  
Mon. – Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sun. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 20, 2022 – Sunday, June 26, 2022  
Mon. – Sat. 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sun. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

Monday, June 27, 2022 9:00 am – 5:00 pm



## GARAGE SALES



Spring/summer cleaning in many cases means garage sales. Just as a reminder, sales are limited to two (2) per household per year. There is no fee to hold a sale, but a permit is required. Permits should be obtained at the Village Office three (3) days prior to the planned sale. Sale hours are limited between the hours of **9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.** and sales cannot last more than three (3) consecutive days. Regular items found around the house are allowable in garage sales; however, arts and craft items are not. All advertisements must be removed from the parkway within 24 hours of the completion of the sale, and **at no time are signs to be placed on street light poles, stop signs or parking signs.**

## *CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATING CONTEST RESULTS*



Thank you to all of our participants. All of the homes looked amazing. Our judges had a hard time picking the winners. Homes were judged on Creativity, Attention to Detail, Theme Execution & Presentation.

The scores were very close. We hope you had fun decorating.

1<sup>st</sup> Place: 4529 Wisconsin

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: 4603 Clinton

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: 4521 Clinton



# FROM THE VILLAGE OFFICE...



## ANNUAL DOG LICENSE/TAG



We would like to take this opportunity to remind all residents our Village Ordinance requires that **all dogs be licensed annually** with the Village Office and wear an up-to-date dog identification tag. To make it not only **easier to remember** but also more **convenient** to do so, 2022-2023 dog license/identification tag(s) should now be purchased along with the purchase of your vehicle sticker(s) in the **month of June** per Village Code. One stop! So please look for Dog License Registration form(s) along with Vehicle Sticker Application(s) in your mailbox around June 3<sup>rd</sup>. To obtain a license, owners should bring registration form and must show proof of a current rabies vaccination to the Village Office. The dog license/identification tag is only \$1.00. Dog identification registration tags are helpful to the pet owner should the dog get lost. As a reminder, per Village Code, no more than three (3) dogs are allowed per residence. Don't be subject to a \$50.00 citation, **please remember to purchase your dog license(s) this June...and every June thereafter!**



**PLEASE NOTE:** The Village Office will be closed on Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

## VEHICLE STICKERS SALES

Looking ahead, vehicle stickers for

2021-2022 will go on sale in the Village Office on **Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

Applications for vehicle stickers will be delivered around June 1st. If you do not receive an application for a vehicle sticker, please contact the Village Office or stop by and obtain a blank application. It is the responsibility of each resident to purchase the appropriate vehicle stickers each and every year. **License plate numbers are required on all vehicle sticker applications.** The new stickers should be displayed on your windshield no later than July 1, 2022. **Stickers purchased after June 30<sup>th</sup> will be subject to a late penalty fee.**

<b><u>VEHICLE STICKER PRICES ARE AS FOLLOWS:</u></b>	
Passenger Car:	\$ 10.00
Recreational Vehicle:	\$ 15.00
Trucks: Class B	\$ 25.00
Class D	\$ 45.00
Class F, H, J, K, and Bus	\$100.00
Class N and up Plus, weight tax vehicles	\$140.00
Senior Citizens: 65 and older (one per household)	\$ 2.00
Veterans:	\$ 2.00
New Vehicle Purchased During the Year...within 30 days of purchase (after penalty charges will apply)	

We are excited to announce that we will be offering a discounted vehicle sticker for our Veterans in June. The Veterans Vehicle Sticker will cost \$2.00. Should the individual have one vehicle, and already qualifies for the senior discount, the vehicle sticker fee shall be waived.

**Thank you for your service.**

# VILLAGE OFFICE

## BUILDING PERMITS

You will be fined \$100.00 plus double the cost of the Building Permit if you start work without obtaining a Building Permit. NO EXCEPTIONS.



A building permit must be obtained prior to the construction, alteration/remodel or repair of any house/property whether doing the work yourself or by

a contractor. Permits are needed for, but not limited to, the following: alterations involving moving or adding walls, basement finish-out, electrical and plumbing work, HVAC work, shed, fence, deck, patio, roof, driveway, window replacement, siding, solar panels, swimming pool. If you're not sure if a permit is required, please call the Village Office at 708-788-3429. Some building permits require a fee, however for many projects, there is no fee at all for the permit.

Permits are required to ensure that the work adheres to Forest View Building Codes. Also permits can guarantee that a contractor is insured and bonded and the homeowner is protected from fraud.



## Before You Dig, Call (or Click) JULIE

If you are planning an outdoor project, call JULIE before you dig to avoid injury and/or damage to underground utilities. Simply call 811 or 1-800-892-0123. The call is free and so are the services. Call center representatives are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Or you can log on to [www.illinois1call.com](http://www.illinois1call.com) and click e-request to enter your request.



## DESIGNERS

Forest View Residents, we are asking for your help in designing our new Village sign celebrating our 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. All drawings will become property of the village and we may use different parts of different designs to create our new sign. Have Fun and drop your ideas off at the Village Hall or email your submission to [lvogt@forestview-il.org](mailto:lvogt@forestview-il.org)



It was a pleasure for Village President Nancy L. Miller to meet with Cook County Commissioner Frank Aguilar.



## TELEVISIONING

The televising and cleaning of sewer and sanitary lines began on January 12, 2022, and was recently completed in the residential section of Forest View. Thank you for your patience, as there were some delays due to the weather. Water main leak detection continues to be done about once a year through Public Works, but the televising and cleaning project recently done has not been done in about 20 years. This is important because before making improvements to the streets, it is important to know what is going on underneath. In this way, we will now be able to prepare and repair possible issues when we take a look at making street improvements. Our Village Engineer, is working on analyzing the condition of our system, and if fixes or replacements need to be made. The company will now be moving on to televising 51<sup>st</sup> and 47<sup>th</sup> streets.



# 10 Super Foods ... For Better Health!

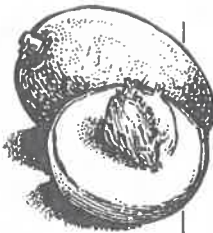
## 1 Sweet Potatoes.

A nutritional superstar – one of the best vegetables you can eat. They're loaded with carotenoids, and are a good source of potassium and fiber. Toss sweet potato wedges with a bit of olive oil and roast until tender and lightly browned. Sprinkle with a spice or two – sweet (cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg, or allspice) or savory (cumin, coriander, paprika, chili, or curry).



## 2 Mangoes.

About a cup of mango supplies 100% of a day's vitamin C, one-third of a day's vitamin A, a decent dose of blood-pressure-lowering potassium, and 3 grams of fiber. Bonus: mango is one of the fruits least likely to have pesticide residues.



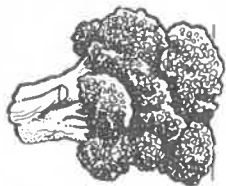
## 3 Unsweetened Greek yogurt.

Fat-free plain Greek yogurt has a pleasant tartness that's a perfect foil for the natural sweetness of berries, bananas, or your favorite whole-grain cereal. It's strained, so even the fat-free versions are thick and creamy. And the lost liquid means that the yogurt that's left has twice the protein of ordinary yogurt (but less calcium) – about 17 grams in 6 ounces of plain non-fat Greek yogurt.



## 4 Broccoli.

It has lots of vitamin C, carotenoids, vitamin K, and folic acid. Steam until it's bright green and just tender. Add a sprinkle of Parmesan cheese and a spritz of fresh lemon juice.



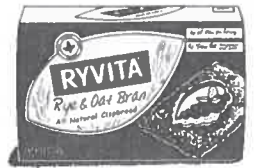
## 5 Wild Salmon.

The omega-3 fats in fatty fish like salmon may help reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes. And wild-caught salmon is more sustainable than farmed salmon.



## 6 Crispbreads.

Whole-grain rye crackers, like Wasa, Finn Crisp, RyKrisp, Kavli, and Ryvita – have ingredients that are as simple as it gets: whole-grain flour (typically rye), water, salt, and (sometimes) yeast. Try them topped with tuna, chicken, or shrimp salad, hummus, or tomato with chopped basil.



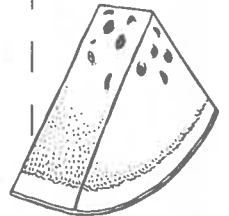
## 7 Garbanzo Beans.

All beans are good beans. They're rich in protein, fiber, copper, folate, iron, magnesium, potassium, and zinc. But garbanzos stand out because they're so versatile. Look for no-salt-added varieties in BPA-free cans or cartons. Add a handful to your tossed salad or stir them in your vegetable stews, curries, and soups.



## 8 Watermelon.

Watermelon is a heavyweight in the nutrient department. A standard serving (about 2 cups) has one-third of a day's vitamins A and C, a nice shot of potassium, and a healthy dose of lycopene for only 90 fat-free, salt-free calories. And when they're in season, watermelons are often locally grown, which means they may have a smaller carbon footprint than some other fruits.



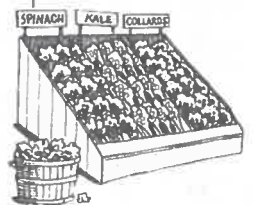
## 9 Butternut Squash.

Steam a sliced squash or buy peeled, diced butternut squash at the supermarket that's ready to go into the oven, a stir-fry, or a soup. It's an easy way to get lots of vitamins A and C and fiber.



## 10 Leafy Greens.

Don't miss out on powerhouse greens like kale, collards, spinach, turnip greens, mustard greens, and Swiss chard. These stand-out leafy greens are loaded with vitamins A, C, and K, folate, potassium, magnesium, calcium, iron, lutein, and fiber. Sauté in a bit of olive oil with minced garlic and season with ground black pepper and red wine vinegar.





From the Desk of the Fire Chief:

As we welcome spring, we change our clocks forward, please remember to also change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Your detectors are only good for a ten-year life span. If you are not sure how old your detector is, you may want to replace it.

One last thing to keep in mind, if you have a medical alert system or a residential fire alarm system, we have the Knox Box System in place here in the Village. This system is a secured steel box that hangs on your door and allows us access to your home in the event of an emergency without causing entry damage. Once the emergency is over, we can re-secure your home. If you have any questions, please contact me at the station to discuss the system.

Sincerely,

Mark Jones  
Fire Chief  
Forest View Fire Department



**The Village has a tornado siren which is tested the first Tuesday of every month at 10:00 a.m.** The siren wails for one (1) minute. If you hear the siren at other times, it is a warning that a tornado has been sighted and may be headed towards our Village. If this happens, you should move to a safe place.

Although tornadoes can occur at any time of the year, they most frequently occur in spring and summer. By reviewing the following basic tornado safety points, you will be better prepared to protect yourself and minimize chance of injury:

- Remain inside – go quickly to a safe area ***away*** from windows, doors, corners and outside walls. The basement is a safe place; if none, go to ***lowest-level, interior room, with NO windows*** (such as closet, bathroom, or interior hallway).
- Listen to the radio or TV for severe weather alerts and updates. Keep a battery-operated radio.
- Be aware of flying debris. *Crouch down* under a heavy/sturdy piece of furniture such as a table, *bend over*, and *cover your head and neck with your arms* and use pillows, cushions, or any other cushioning materials.
- If you are in a car, get out right away. Get inside a sturdy building.
- If you are outside and cannot get inside, lie flat in a ditch or another low-lying area. Cover your head with your arms.

\*Source: National Fire Protection Association



# POLICE DEPARTMENT

## CodeRED – Sign-Up Today

**Remember:** If you previously enrolled in CodeRED but have subsequently changed your home or cell phone number or email, you must re-register/update your contact information in order to receive messages.

The Police Department encourages **ALL** residents to subscribe to this **FREE** program.

Please go to [www.villageofforestview.com](http://www.villageofforestview.com) to register. If you need assistance or prefer a paper copy please call the Village Office at 708-788-3429.

## SOLICITORS

As the weather breaks, look out for home repair scams and fraud. Remember, door-to-door solicitors must first obtain a Solicitor's Badge from the Police Department that must be worn around their neck. Please note that just because a solicitor is wearing a badge does not mean the Village sanctions the product or solicitation cause. Solicitors may operate only Monday-Saturday between the hours of 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and are not allowed on Sundays or holidays. **"NO SOLICITORS"** decals are available at the Village Office free of charge. Please report any solicitation without a badge or during non-soliciting hours or disregard of posted **"NO SOLICITORS"** decal to the Police Department at non-emergency number 708-788-0318.



# PUBLIC WORKS

## YARD WASTE

Yard waste pick-up will officially begin on **Wednesday, April 6th**. Grass, branches, leaves, and other natural waste can be put into brown yard waste bags or into containers not exceeding 35-gallon size with a **COMPOST ONLY** sticker on the container. **BIODEGRADABLE YARD BAGS DO NOT NEED A STICKER. PLASTIC BAGS ARE NOT ACCEPTED.** If you need stickers for a container, they are available free of charge in the Village Office.

## LAWN MAINTENANCE



Homeowners can help keep our community neat and attractive by regularly mowing their lawns. Please do not mow/divert the grass into the street as it will clog up the sewer system. **Please make sure your landscaping company does NOT divert the grass into the street. Forest View Village Code requires that grass/weeds be maintained at a height of five inches (5") or less.** Grass/weeds that are neglected and allowed to grow longer than 5 inches is considered a nuisance and the Public Works crew may cut and bill property owner or lessee \$150.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> cutting and \$325.00 for subsequent cuttings during the same calendar year. **Please be considerate of your neighbors and community by keeping your lawn mowed.**

## PARKWAY TREES



Remember, trees that are located on the parkway belong to the Village and **cannot be cut or trimmed by residents.** If you have a concern about a tree on your parkway, please contact the Public Works Department at 708-788-3429.

**GROOT** will only pick up glass if it is taped or placed between two pieces of cardboard.



Steven Stelter  
Police Chief

EMERGENCY: 9-1-1  
Business: 708.788.0318  
Fax: 708.788.2136  
sstelter@forestview-il.org

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE  
7000 West 46<sup>th</sup> Street  
Forest View, Illinois 60402

## Village of Forest View CodeRED Emergency Notification System

The Village of Forest implemented a program to provide its residents, businesses and visitors with emergency notifications in the event of serious situations or during other events that may warrant community notification, such as disruption of Village service/water shut-off, flood warnings, major or prolonged weather conditions, etc. These notifications are meant to provide information that is critical to the safety and well-being of Forest View residents, Forest View businesses and their employees, and visitors. Notifications are provided via landline telephone, cell phone, or email, whichever way(s) you elect. Please Note: You may elect one or more of those ways to receive notifications. The notification system will dial each number in our system within the affected area and provide the person with any pertinent information regarding the emergency. These notifications are not intended to replace critical time-sensitive information that is provided via the Emergency Alert System, which is broadcast via television and radio stations, along with NOAA Weather Radio.

### How do I sign up?

Go to the Village of Forest View CodeRED web site at [www.villageofforestview.com](http://www.villageofforestview.com) A sign up box will appear that will allow you to enter your notification information. You also can complete the enclosed CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment form and drop it off at the Police Department or Village Office, send via regular postal service to the address captioned above, return via email to [info@forestview-il.org](mailto:info@forestview-il.org) or call 708-788-0318 and speak with one of our communications specialists to complete your registration over the telephone.

# Village of Forest View

## CodeRed Sign-Up

Go to the Village of Forest View CodeRED web site at  
[www.villageofforestview.com](http://www.villageofforestview.com) or fill this form out

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Carrier: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Receive: Text Messages: Y/N Email: Y/N Phone Calls: Y/N

### Terms and Conditions

By adding your phone number, you agree to receive telephone calls that deliver messages from your local municipality or employer that are pre-recorded and sent through the CodeRed System.

The CodeRed Emergency message will have a caller ID of 866-419-5000.

The CodeRed General message will have a caller ID of 855-969-4636.

Initials: \_\_\_\_\_

10/2021



7000 West 46th Street  
Forest View, Illinois 60402  
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## **NOTIFICATION – NO ELECTRONICS DISCARD**

Dear Resident:

Please be advised that the Village's garbage hauler, Groot, and recyclables hauler (LRS) **will not take electronics** (e.g. tv's) as landfills will not accept them.

Therefore, likewise, nor will the Forest View public works crew pick-up electronics. You will need to find another means to dispose of your electronic item(s). An option is the Village of Burr Ridge sponsors an on-going collection site (please see attached).

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Forest View Public Works

# ELECTRONICS RECYCLING COLLECTION



Starting January 1, 2019, the list of items has changed.

## Accepted Items

Computers, Laptops, Servers, Computer Monitors\*, Televisions\*, Printers, Facsimile, Scanners, VCR and DVD Players, Video Game Consoles, Cable and Converter Boxes, Satellite Receivers, Electronic Keyboards, Mice, Portable Music Players, Holiday String Lights, Wire, Cables, Adapters, Power Supplies, Cell Phones, Modems, Tablets, Phones, Docking Stations.



### \* CRT, Flat Screens, Projection TVs and Monitors\*

Under 21 inch screen = \$25.00 per unit  
21 inch screen and over = \$35.00 per unit

- \* Tax deductible donation fee applies for all TVs and monitors.
- \* Cash or Credit Card accepted, No checks.
- \* Payment may be made in advance at [recycle.eWORKSESI.org](http://recycle.eWORKSESI.org) or on site. Coupon and tax deductible receipt provided at the time of drop off for any fees paid



### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Large and small appliances, electronics from businesses, hazardous and chemical waste will not be accepted.

## RECYCLING LOCATIONS



**Burr Ridge**  
Public Works  
451 Commerce St.  
Monday-Friday  
7:00 AM-3:00 PM  
630-323-4733



**Elmhurst**  
Public Works  
985 S Riverside Dr  
Quarterly Collection  
Visit website for date  
8:00 AM-12:00 PM



**Lisle**  
Commuter Parking Lot B  
925 Burlington Ave.  
(West of Village Hall)  
Third Saturday of  
Every Month  
8:00 AM-12:00 PM



**Naperville**  
Environmental  
Collection Campus  
156 Fort Hill Dr.  
Monday-Friday  
7:00 AM-3:00 PM



**Wheaton**  
Public Works  
Storage Lot  
820 W. Liberty Dr.  
Second Saturday  
of Every Month  
9:00 AM-12:00 PM

### SPONSORED BY



**DUPAGE COUNTY**

This tax deductible collection is sponsored by eWorks ESI. Open to all residents with household electronics. Businesses can visit [www.dupageco.org/electronicrecycling](http://www.dupageco.org/electronicrecycling)

Questions? Contact Us  
(630) 407-6700  
[www.dupageco.org/electronicrecycling](http://www.dupageco.org/electronicrecycling)

**Please DO NOT discard the following wastes in your weekly garbage. Neither Groot or LRS will take.**

**Acceptable Wastes @ Long-Term Collection Location-Not for disposal in Forest View**

Oil-based Paints ONLY-NO LATEX	Used Motor Oil	Paint Thinners	
Drain Cleaners	Herbicides	Lawn Chemicals	
Insecticides	Solvents	Pesticides	Antifreeze
Old Gasoline	Hobby Chemicals	Pool Chemicals	Aerosol Paints and Pesticides
Cleaning Products	Fluorescent lamp bulbs	Mercury	
Old and Outdated Medicines and Pharmaceuticals	Household Batteries		

**Unacceptable Wastes-Call Collection Facility or EPA for guidance on where/how to dispose of.**

Agricultural Chemicals	Propane Tanks*
Business/Commercial sector wastes	Smoke Detectors
Explosives	Farm Machinery Oil
Fireworks	Fire extinguishers*
Lead Acid Batteries	Institutional Wastes
Controlled Substances	Sharp needles and potentially infectious medical wastes

\* Although the Illinois EPA's contractors do not accept automotive batteries, propane tanks, or fire extinguishers, cosponsors may elect to contact a vendor willing to set up and accept these materials on the day of the collection event. Call the Illinois EPA to verify materials being accepted.

**Long-Term Collection Locations**

**PLEASE CALL FIRST**

**Naperville**, 156 Fort Hill Drive (immediately North of Naperville Public Works), DuPage County, [www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx](http://www.naperville.il.us/hhw.aspx)  
Hours: Saturdays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Sundays 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM, Phone: 630-420-6095

**Chicago**, Goose Island, 1150 North Branch, Cook County [www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf](http://www.cityofchicago.org/hccrf)  
Hours: Tuesdays 7:00 AM - Noon, Thursdays 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM, and First Saturday of every month 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM, Phone: 312-744-3060

**Please Do Not Bring Latex Paint**



**Disposing of latex paint at a collection facility is very expensive. Therefore, the Illinois EPA encourages people with unwanted latex paint to use other options**

## **Disposal Alternatives For Latex Paint**

After your painting job is done you may have some leftover paint. The question now is: "What should you do with it?" Here are some alternatives:

### **Keep Painting!**

This may sound simple, and it is. What better place to put that last pint or so of paint but right up there on the wall where it blends in perfectly with all the other paint you just put up there. Sure, it's a little extra work - and right when you thought you're done for the day - but you'll be rid of that extra paint for good. Simply let the can dry and then recycle or dispose of it.

### **Paint Something Else!**

It doesn't even have to need the paint. Use an old piece of cardboard, some scrap lumber, or the inside of your garage. Just about anywhere would probably work to use up that last bit of paint. Again, let the can dry and recycle or dispose of it.

### **Use an Absorbent like Kitty Litter!**

Kitty litter, sawdust, shredded paper or just about anything else that will absorb moisture and let the paint dry out should work here. Depending on how full the can is, you can just add the absorbent to the can and mix it up. When the liquids are absorbed, dry the mixture out or dispose of it directly. You may be able to empty the can, dry it out, and recycle it.

### **Give it to Someone!**

Look around and you may find somebody who needs to paint a small area. Some schools or local theatres will take some small amounts of paint for scenery.

### **Store it for Later!**

Everyone has good intentions to use half-filled paint cans for "touch-ups" that never come. Also, many people have saved paint that becomes unusable over time before it's called into action. If you do save your paint for later, follow some easy tips to make the paint last longer. Just cover the opening with plastic wrap, and make sure the lid fits securely so the paint doesn't leak. Then turn the paint can upside down! This creates a tight seal, and keeps the paint fresh to use again.

Public Works will advise if there are any One-Day Events scheduled for our area. So far, nothing has been scheduled for 2022.

## STICKNEY TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL....

### RODENT/WILDLIFE CONTROL

To deter unwanted critters, following are guidelines recommended and provided by Stickney Township Environmental Health Department:

*Notify the Environmental Health Department if you Notice Rodent or Wildlife Activity on your Property.*

Burrows and tracks are signs of rodents in your yard.

#### **Starve rats and wildlife out.**

Remove pet foods and water immediately after feeding. Remove dog feces on your property, this is a source of food for rats. Don't put out food for squirrels or birds. Keep garbage in sound containers with tight-fitting lids, this lessens the chance of wildlife disturbance. Plastic bags alone are not enough. Rats can't eat what they can't get to.

Keep animals out.

Seal all openings in your home, garage, or shed larger than ½ inch in diameter. Block openings under decks, elevated sheds, concrete slabs and porches. Secure outside access to crawl spaces and repair broken, weak or rotted areas on your roof, soffit and fascia.

Eliminate rat and wildlife hiding places.

Remove all unused items, car parts, junk, debris, and building materials from around the yard and don't forget to keep the grass short and bushes trimmed.

Use poison and rat traps.

The Stickney Township Environmental Health Department can provide assistance in setting traps and bait stations provided by the township. **For further information or assistance, call the Environmental Health Department at**

708-424-9200 x 2123 Monday thru Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

\*Source: Stickney Township Environmental Health Department

Stickney Township does not pick up dead animals on private property either with the exception of domestic animals, e.g. dogs and cats so they can be scanned. They will, however, pick-up injured or sick looking animals.

The Stickney Township Animal Control Department has advised the Village that raccoons right now are coming down with distemper. They advise residents to keep their dogs up-to-date on their distemper and rabies shots.

### **STICKNEY TOWNSHIP ANIMAL CONTROL....**

Please call the Stickney Township Animal Control Department at **708-424-9200** Monday thru Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to report animal concerns.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Please direct all calls to Stickney Township Animal Control for **WASP NEST REMOVAL.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Public Works Department will only pick-up dead animals located on a Village street, sidewalk, or parkway. It is the responsibility of property owners to collect a dead animal on their own property. It is suggested to wear gloves and use double bags when doing so and dispose in garbage tote.



# LIHWAP

Illinois Low Income  
Household Water  
Assistance Program

## Crisis Program for Water and Wastewater

Customers may receive a benefit  
of up to \$1,500 total for:

- Reconnection Assistance
- Disconnection Prevention
- Past Due Balance
- Disconnection Fees
- Late Fees

LIHEAP, Weatherization and  
CSBG customers may be  
income eligible for LIHWAP.

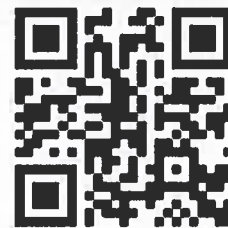
APPLY TODAY by calling us  
or visiting our website



800-571-2332



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**WE HOPE EVERYONE HAD A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON!**



**CHRISTMAS EVE 2021**





### Valentine's Day Local Artists



# Remember When.....

Oct 17 - 1953

## 'CINDERELLA' VILLAGE TO HOLD PARTY

Forest View officials, elated over the good fortune of the village when it had a \$10,000,000 assessed valuation "dumped in its lap" recently through annexation, Saturday night will hold a party for all residents of the village of some 325 persons as the start of a "Good Neighbor Week" proclaimed by Village President Frank Luznicky at the board meeting Monday night.

The party, scheduled to get under way at 8 o'clock at the village hall, 46th st. and Home ave., will be of a non-political nature and will include dancing and refreshments.

Of particular interest will be the welcoming of some 45 new residents to the village in the last couple of years to give the affair a personal touch. Residents of the annexed portion will get an especially hearty greeting.

Village officials who are giving the party, confined to Forest View residents, include President Luznicky, Trustees Clarence Hol-ec, Chester Ziarko, Joseph Vana, Charles Stasek, Frank Pukys and Joseph Yurka and Village Clerk Gordon Hart.

## VILLAGE TO BUY PLATES IN A BLOCK

All Forest View residents wishing to buy their license plates in a block have been requested by Frank Luznicky, village president, to make their applications at the village hall during the day or evening as soon as possible.

Luznicky announced that the village will seek to obtain license plates in succession in order that residents may have similar numbers. He asked that application be made at the village hall, 7000 W. 64th st.

A clerk will be on duty during the day and one trustee is posted at the hall in the evenings during the week.

Application blanks for plates will be available at the hall. Residents are asked to bring in last year's license receipt, which must be turned in when applying for new plates, and the money for the license fee. They will receive a receipt on payment of the fee.

On December 1, when the secretary of state begins handing out plates, the village will seek to buy all of the plates at once in order to obtain successive numbers.

Not only is this a convenience for residents allowing them to recognize one another's cars but it will aid police in spotting all strange autos in the village, officials said.

## "LAUGH OUT LOUD"

George Phillips, an elderly man, from Sparta, Mississippi was going to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things. He phoned the police who asked "Is someone in your house?"

He said "No, but some people are breaking into my shed and stealing from me"

The police dispatcher said, "All patrols are busy. Lock your doors and an officer will be along when one is available".

George said, "Okay". He hung up the phone and waited 30 seconds and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I just shot them." With that, he hung up the phone.

In less than 5 minutes, 6 Police cars, a SWAT Team, 2 Fire Trucks and an Ambulance showed up at the Phillips residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Officers said to George, "I thought you said that you shot them!"

George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available".

### DON'T MESS WITH OLD PEOPLE

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Now I have to go to the post office to get my mail.

A mouse trap placed on top of your alarm clock will prevent you from rolling over and going back to sleep after you hit the snooze button.

If you have a bad cough, take a large dose of laxatives. Then you'll be afraid to cough.



## BOARD BRIEFS



**\*\* The Board meets in the Municipal Building on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month and the meetings begin at 7:00 P.M and are open to the public.\*\***

### **October 26, 2021**

Village President Nancy L. Miller is requesting a proclamation recognizing the anniversary of Village Residents Lorrain and Tony Faikus. They celebrated their Seventy-Third Wedding Anniversary on May 8, 2021.

The Village received the Official census numbers from Cook County and we are officially at 792 people.

### **November 9, 2021**

Our Auditor, Ed Tracy is finalizing the annual audit, and should have it ready to be approved at the next board meeting. Auditor Tracy will be invited to attend our meeting so that the board can ask any questions they may have.

Our Veterans Day program is set for Thursday November 11<sup>th</sup>. A guest speaker will be the Exalted Ruler of the Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks from Brookfield. Our key note speaker will be the Assistant Director from the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. State Representative Aaron Ortiz will also be attending. The Home School Elementary Choir will be signing the National Anthem, and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be attending as well. Tom Day with Bugles Across America will play taps and have a rifle salute for our departed Veterans.

### **November 23, 2021**

Village Administrator Mike Dropka, is requesting proposals for cleaning and televising

water, sewer and sanitary pipes. The Village will use Federal American Rescue Plan Act money to fund the 2021 Sewer Cleaning and Televising project. Administrator Dropka stated that we currently do the basic cleaning every year but the project that he is proposing should be done every 20 years.

Village Administrator Michael Dropka addressed the reformatted Motor Fuel Tax form. He explained that it was regarding the ordinance that was passed at the last board meeting and stated that he is asking the gas stations to turn in the state tax form to confirm all gas is being accounted for. This was not done in the past and the village never saw the state tax form that they submitted which would include the IBT Number that is recorded with the State of Illinois.

### **December 14, 2021**

Superintendent of Water and Public Works Jack O'Donohue reported that on December 13<sup>th</sup> he received a call from a resident regarding low water pressure. It was discovered that there was a water main break on Canal Bank Road. Public Works isolated the break and the water main break was repaired today. The estimated water loss was 75,000 gallons.

Fire Chief Mark Jones mentioned that his department has completed 206.7 hours of Training.

The new Fire Department pick-up truck has arrived and is waiting for the stripping to be completed, ordering the lights and radio.



The new fire rescue tools have arrived , will be inventoried and the department will go through training.

Interim Chief of Police Marco Perez mentioned that starting in Jan 2022, the Police Department will be conducting the truck enforcement details.

### **January 11, 2022**

Village Administrator Mike Dropka discussed the Key Fob Security System / New Doors and is requesting approval to include upgrading two additional doors for the IT Room and the Village Hall North Door with electric strikes that had been discussed and approved at the special board meeting on November 3, 2021.

Village Administrator Mike Dropka and President Nancy L. Miller met with State Representative Aaron Ortiz on December 22 to discuss water, sanitary and sewer system issues and is working on getting some state money for ongoing projects in the village.

Village Administrator Mike Dropka is continuing to work with Brad Clark from Hancock Engineering and Village Attorney John Murphey regarding the situation with the businesses around 47<sup>th</sup> and Central and the water, sanitary, and sewer system. The parties include MWRD, Central Stickney, City of Chicago and the 47<sup>th</sup> Street Association.

President Nancy L. Miller met with Commissioner Frank Aguilar on Friday. They discussed submitting a grant for the Police Department and Commissioner Aguilar offered his assistance.

### **January 25, 2022**

Village Administrator Mike Dropka discussed an agreement with Hancock Engineering regarding the 2022 Water Main Improvements project, located in the Joint Fee Strip, south of 46<sup>th</sup> between Clinton and Kenilworth Avenues.

The Village has applied for the JAG Grant that is being offered from Cook County. The grant is available for costs associated with needs of our first responders. The Village will be applying for a Motorola Grant for the same project which is due on February 1, 2022.

Superintendent Jack O'Donohue mentioned there was a water main break on 46<sup>th</sup> and Wenonah. Due to the location we had to bring in a leak detection to pinpoint the break. ATS located it on the "pie" area of the southwest corner of 46<sup>th</sup> and Wenonah. Several streetlight cables and an abandon sewer inlet made the dig more challenging than usual.

### **February 8, 2022**

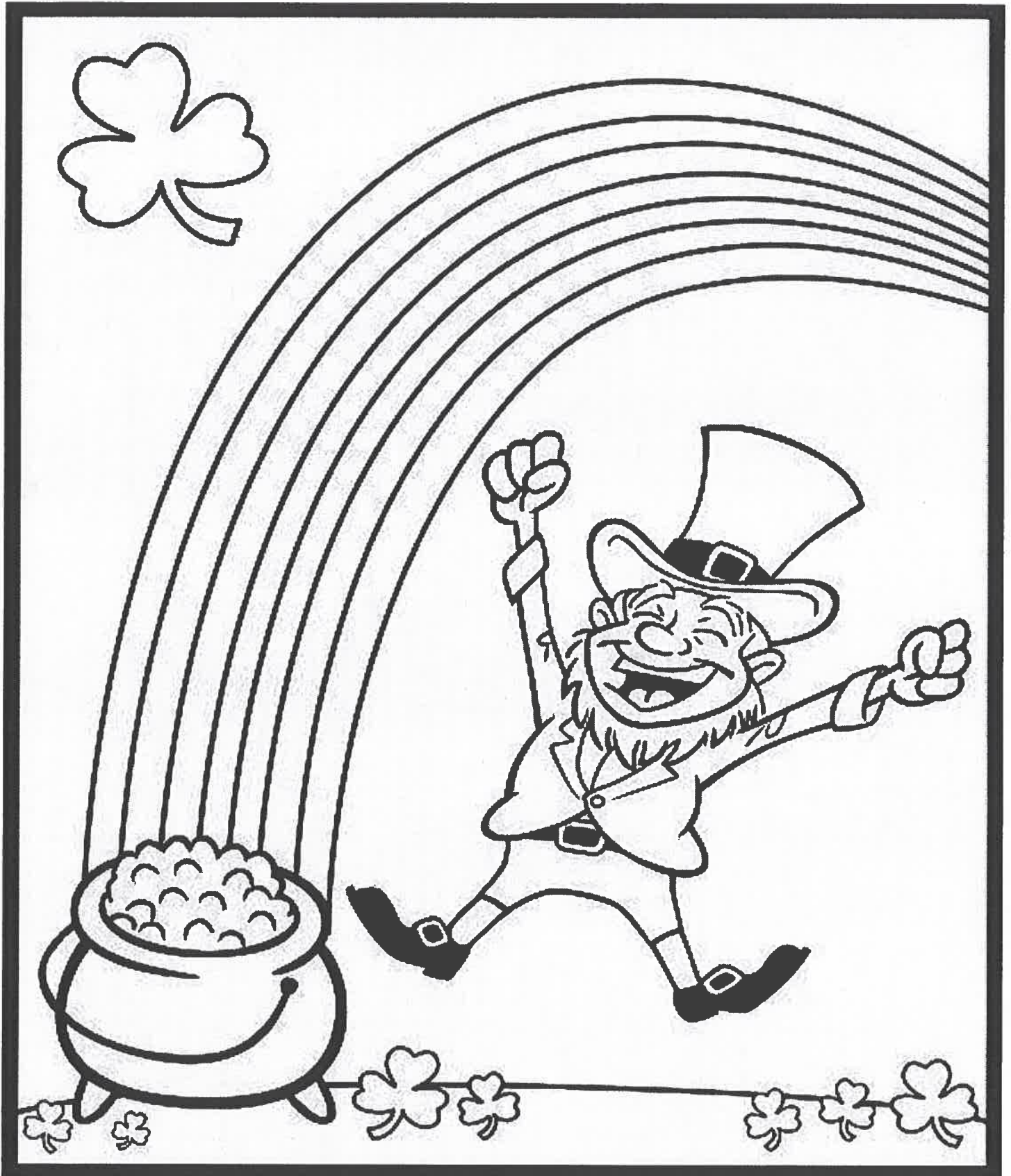
The televising and cleaning of sewer, sanitary and waterlines began on January 12, 2022, but due to the cold weather there was a delay.

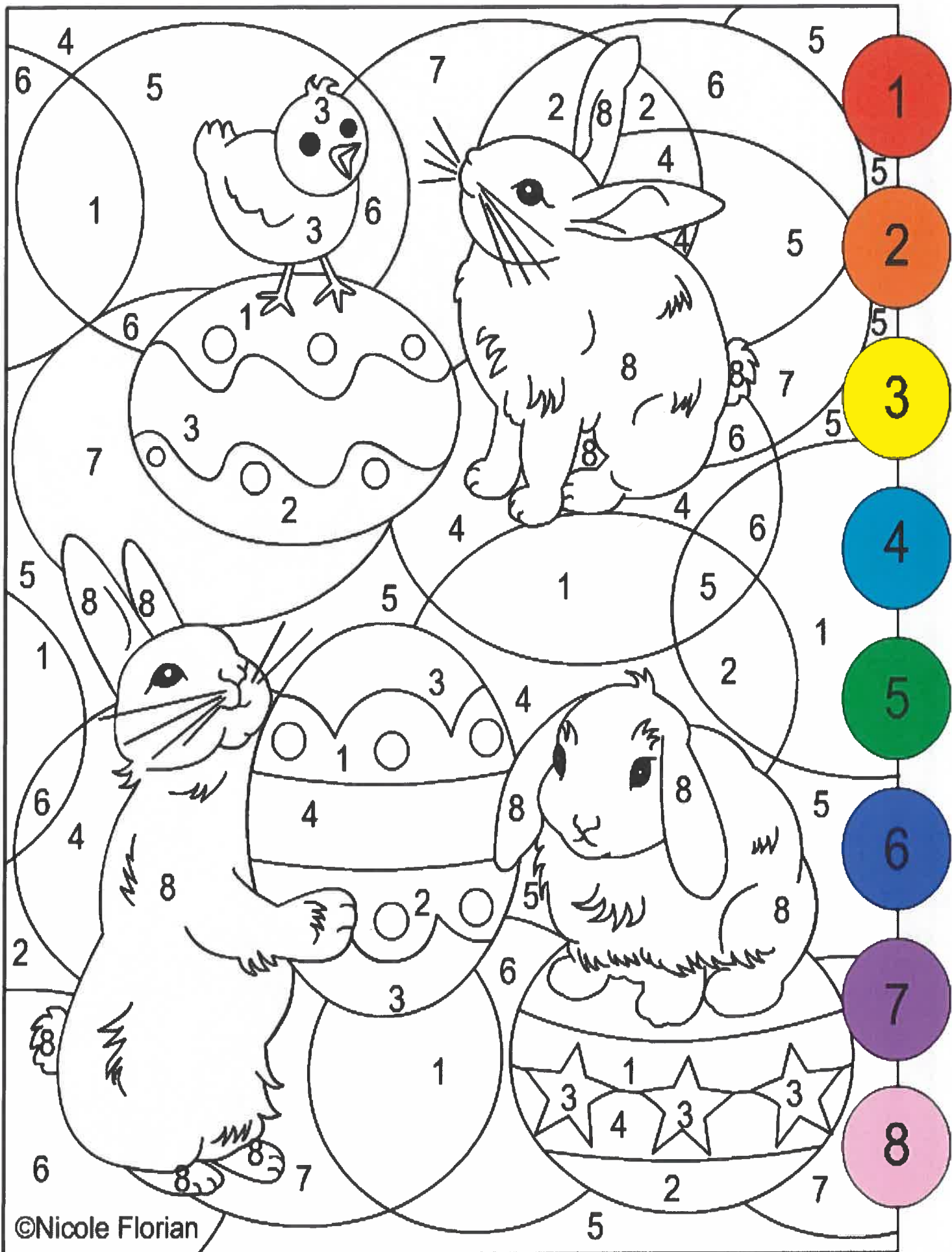
Public Works Crew put in a total of 60.5 hours clearing over ten (10) inches of snow that occurred on February 2. Due to the timing of the storm three (3) rounds of salt were spread on the roads. The first round was to loosen the already compacted snow and ice. The second round was to melt what was left, and the third round was to clear up the slush that happened overnight from blowing wind and snow. It is estimated that 20-30 tons of salt was applied to the streets.

Several Public Works employees attended a seminar on lead water lines.



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# Hippity Hoppity Easter Hunt

**SATURDAY • APRIL 16TH • 11:00AM**

Bring a basket and collect eggs in the park! No registration required. Line up along 46th street or Clinton. Eggs will be spread throughout the park. Hunt will start at 11AM sharp.

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