



First Phase of Village Road Repair Program Nearing Completion; Second Phase Underway

The Village Board recently approved a contract for Phase 2 of this year's street repair program, which is expected to get underway by the end of August. A total of six miles of streets are included in the second phase. Work is expected to be complete on all streets in Section 1 on or before October 2nd.

Work on the 23 streets that were part of Phase 1 is ahead of schedule with completion expected on or before September 30th. In all, 35 streets are included in the Village's 2009 street resurfacing program.

Last fall, the Village Board made a unanimous decision to issue bonds to make long overdue repairs during 2009 and 2010, versus the typical cycle where a small number of roads are repaired each year. A total of 15 miles of roadways will be resurfaced in 2009.

Check the Village's website, www.villageofinverness.org for complete details, including a map.

Streets included in Phase 2 are:

Section 1

Hillshire Drive & Court
Harrow Gate Drive
Sanday Lane
Summer Isle Lane
Halbert Lane
New Abbey Drive
Ashkirk Court
Applecross Road
Mulguy Drive & Court
Shetland Road
Regalia Drive & Court
332-336 Roberts Road

Section 2

Lauder Lane
Country Oak Lane
Freeman Road & Court
Cumnock Road
Thornhill Road
Jules Road
Heather Lane
Dairy Lane
Blackburn Drive



Solicitors Knocking on Your Door? If You've Posted a Sign, Call 911 to Report It

Few things in life are quite as annoying as jumping up from the dinner table only to find the person who's knocking at your door is trying to sell you something, collect donations, or talk to you about something that is of no interest to you. Some of these individuals can be persistent to the point of harassment.

The Inverness Police Department reports a recent increase in complaints from residents about solicitors going door-to-door in the area. "Often these individuals will tell you that they just talked to your neighbor down the street, or that their parents live in your neighborhood as a way to persuade you to purchase something," said Inverness Police Chief Robert Haas.

**CANVASSERS,
SOLICITORS
AND
PEDDLERS
FORBIDDEN**

The only way to avoid the nuisance of door-to-door salespeople/canvassers and allow the police to take action against them is to post a "Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers Forbidden" sign by your front door. Should any solicitor knock or ring the doorbell when the sign is posted, a call to 911 will bring an Inverness police officer who can charge the individual with trespassing.

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Village Hall Holiday Closings

Thanksgiving: All day Thursday and Friday, November 26 & 27

Christmas: Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25

New Year's: Thursday and Friday, December 31 and January 1



Jack Tatoes



Dear Fellow Inverness Resident:

As I travel through the Village of Inverness, I constantly encounter residents who compliment on the police presence in their neighborhoods. I greatly appreciate these comments and I know that our Police Department can be even more effective with your help. Because Inverness enjoys the benefits of a tightly-knit community, we are also aware when something seems out of place.

I encourage you to be aware of things or persons that may seem abnormal in your neighborhood. If you do take notice of something or someone that does not seem right, call 911. You can learn about solicitors in this edition of the InverNews. While the Village is limited in what actions it can take against them, you yourself can take steps to reduce the nuisance level of these visits. "No Solicitors" signs are available at the Police Department or Village Hall and can be easily posted at your front door. Persons who ignore these signs are in violation of the Village Code and the police will respond if you call. As Chief Haas has emphasized, you should not hesitate to call 911 if you need a police response relative to this issue, or any other matter. By doing this, an officer will respond quickly and the dispatch center will be able to track that officer's location.

I also ask that you call the police immediately if vehicles are ever observed damaging any portion of the right of way. This includes the landscape shoulders along the edge of the street. Most of our streets in the Village are narrow and I continue to notice damage to the shoulders caused by heavy trucks or trailers. We have embarked on an aggressive road-resurfacing program. As part of this program, road shoulders are being reseeded and the Village spends tens of thousands of dollars each year making repairs to these areas. With your help, we can identify the person or company causing this damage, hold them responsible and maintain the beauty of our Village.

By working together, we can make this community even better.

Sincerely,



Jack Tatoes, Mayor

Change Your Clock – Change Your Batteries on November 1

The end of Daylight Savings Time at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 1st, is an ideal time to replace your old smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries with fresh ones that will be sure to sound the alarm.

Smoke detector and carbon monoxide detector batteries should be changed twice a year. Why not do it at the same time you change your clocks?

It's sound advice from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District that could save your life.



Call 911 to Report Unwanted Solicitors

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found in favor of allowing people to solicit door-to-door unless a "no solicitors" sign is posted. Solicitors are permitted to come to your home any hour of the day, any day of the week, and they do not have to be registered or licensed by the Village. But if there is a "Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers Forbidden" sign posted and a solicitor knocks or rings the doorbell, he or she is trespassing. Police are only able to take action against solicitors if such a sign is posted near the entrance to your home.

Self-adhesive "Canvassers, Solicitors and Peddlers Forbidden" placards are available free of charge at the Village Hall. Stop by to pick one up.

TRICK OR TREAT

If you have children who are planning to go trick or treating this year, Inverness Police Chief Robert Haas has some important words of advice:

- Be sure that holes in face masks are large enough to see and breathe easily. Make-up is safer!
- Do not allow a child to go trick or treating alone. Be sure older children take a friend and an adult accompanies younger children.
- Children should be warned NEVER to approach any house that is not well lit and does not have a front porch or outside light on.



Inverness Trick or Treat hours are from 3:00-7:00 PM on Saturday, October 31.

If You Have an Invisible Fence, Read On

More and more dog owners are deciding that an invisible fence is a great way to let their pet enjoy the freedom of running loose in the yard.

A problem can arise, however, when either the Village or a utility contractor does work in the right-of-way and cuts through the invisible fence wiring that has been improperly placed there.

"We do not require a permit to install an invisible fence," said Village Administrator Curt Carver. "So it is up to the homeowner to know where the right-of-way begins and not install the invisible fence beyond the property line."

There are two ways to determine the edge of your property line. The most accurate choice is to check your plat of survey and measure from your home to determine where your property line ends. The second choice is to measure at least 33 feet from the center line of the roadway in front of your home.

Homeowners need to be aware that if Village or utility works cut through invisible fence wiring in the right-of-way, it is the property owner's responsibility to repair the wiring and relocate it out of the right-of-way.

As a courtesy to your neighbors and those walking past your property, please locate the invisible fence far away from the street. Pedestrians often have no way to know there is an invisible fence that will stop a dog from running at them or into the street.

Haven't Purchased Your 2009-10 Village Vehicle Sticker? Don't Delay Any Longer

The deadline for displaying the 2009-10 vehicle sticker was July 1, 2009. Effective September 2nd, the price increased to \$20.00. On October 2nd, the price jumps to \$100.00. The current late fee for dog licenses is \$10.00.

Questions? Call the Village at (847) 358-7740.

Oak Tree to be Offered in Village's 50/50 Tree Program

Inverness Tree Commission members have settled on an oak as the tree species that will be offered in the Village's 50/50 Tree Program.

Either a Swamp White Oak or a Red Oak will be offered in the spring of 2010 at an approximate cost of \$390 per tree with the cost divided equally between the Village and resident. The cost includes planting the tree, and each tree comes with a one year guarantee from the nursery. The tree must be located in the front yard where it is visible from a public street.

Approximately 40 trees will be available. If more than 40 residents submit an application, trees will be assigned using a lottery drawing.

Complete information about the 50/50 Tree Program, including the application form, final price and deadline, will be included in the January issue of the *InverNews*.





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A Friendly Reminder About Overnight Parking Regulations

Village ordinance specifies that “. . . it shall be unlawful to park any vehicle on any street, alley, or public right of way within the Village between the hours of 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM.”

Overnight parking is prohibited for two reasons:

- ▲ The ordinance helps officers identify vehicles that may be involved in some type of criminal activity.
- ▲ The ordinance actually helps keep your auto insurance rates lower because it reduces the opportunity for possible damage or theft to vehicles left out on the street.

If driveway seal coating, construction work or any other circumstance makes it necessary to park your vehicle on the street overnight, please call the Inverness Police Department at (847) 358-7766 to request permission for overnight street parking.

Fire District Offering Free Community Classes

The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District and its personnel would like to give back to the community by providing free classes to residents beginning in January, 2010. These classes will cover a variety of subjects including stroke awareness, elderly fraud and scams, inhalation abuse in adolescence, fire prevention and sprinkler awareness, just to name a few. We anticipate these classes will be held once a month and will last about an hour.



A full schedule of classes will be available after November at the fire station or online at our website, www.prfpd.org. We would like to thank several of the area hospitals and members of the Inverness Police Department who have already volunteered to make presentations. If you would like to submit an idea for class subject matter, or if you would like to be considered as a speaker, please feel free to contact the fire station at (847) 991-8700.

We look forward to serving the residents of Inverness with these classes.

Is Your Pooch a Nuisance To Your Neighbors?

The weather is warm, windows are open, and complaints about barking dogs are on the rise.

Please be considerate of your neighbors. A dog’s incessant barking can put a strain on even the most cordial of neighbors. You might have learned to turn a deaf ear, but your neighbors haven’t.

Please do not allow your dog to bark for prolonged periods. Animal complaints may become a police matter. Warnings are issued first, but repeat offenders may be issued a ticket.

Calendar of Events

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- 20 Plan Commission

November

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- 16 Zoning Board
- 17 Plan Commission

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