



# InverNews

The Village With A Heritage

Summer 2009

## Village-Wide Road Repair Program Now in Its First Phase

Work is now underway on the first phase of this year's two phase program to make needed repairs to streets throughout the Village.

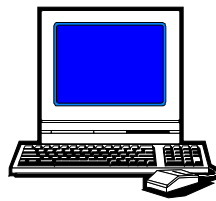
Last fall, the Village Board made a unanimous decision to issue bonds to make long overdue repairs during 2009 and 2010, versus the 15 year cycle where a small number of roads are repaired each year. Nine miles of roadways, listed below, will be repaired during the first phase. An additional five miles of roads will be repaired in the second phase, due to begin at the end of this summer. Check the Village's website, [www.villageofinverness.org](http://www.villageofinverness.org) for complete details, including a map.

<b>From</b>	<b>To</b>
Aberdeen Rd.	Roselle Rd. to Aberdeen Ln.
Aberdeen Ln.	
St. Andrews Ln.	
Scots Ct.	
Bonnie Ln.	
Glen Eagles Ct.	
Rob Roy Ct.	
Balmoral Ln.	Balmoral Dr. to West End
Balmoral Cir.	
Appleby Rd.	Plymouth Dr. to Roselle Rd.
Halkirk Cir.	
Plymouth Dr.	Durham Dr. to South End
Plymouth Ct.	
Durham Dr.	Firth Rd. to East End
Inverway	
Milton Rd.	
Dewey Rd.	
Wood St.	Ela Rd. to Roberts Rd.
Willow St.	Ela Rd. to Haman Rd.
Haman Rd.	South End to Willow St.
Roberts Rd.	Wood St. to North End
Poteet Ave.	Wood St. to Bradwell Rd.
Arlington Rd.	South End to Bradwell Rd.



## Home Pickup Service Now Available For Computers and Other Electronics

The Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) is now offering residents a convenient way to recycle old computers and electronics. According to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, it is estimated that billions of consumer electronics will be scrapped during the rest of this decade. Because there are both potentially harmful and recoverable materials in computers and electronic equipment, recycling old equipment is the responsible *(continued on page 4)*



## Residents Give Village's New Police Department Two Thumbs Up

Inverness' new police officers have been out on the streets, in the neighborhoods, and visible at a wide range of community events and activities. And the Village's residents are giving them a warm welcome wherever they go.

"Everyone has been very positive," said Police Chief Robert Haas, Jr. "We've gotten a warm welcome."

Mayor Jack Tatoes has received equally positive feedback from residents. "We've gotten a lot of unsolicited positive feedback about the officers and their visibility in the neighborhoods," he said.

The new Inverness Police Department hit the pavement running during its first month of operation, beginning May 1. During the month, officers responded to 195 calls for service, 44 burglar alarms, 7 accidents, made 2 arrests, and assisted the Fire Department on 25 calls.

One of the top priorities for the officers is to meet residents *(continued on page 3)*

## Calendar of Events

### July

- 14 Village Board
- 20 Zoning Board
- 21 Plan Commission

### August

- 11 Village Board
- 17 Zoning Board
- 18 Plan Commission

### September

- 8 Village Board
- 15 Zoning Board
- 21 Plan Commission

## Jack Tatoes



Dear Fellow Inverness Resident:

Summertime in Inverness is in full swing. From neighborhood parties to the annual Inverness July 4th festivities, there's a lot happening in our Village.

The summer of 2009 also brings some very positive news about Inverness and the financial and operational strength of our community. In a difficult economic climate, your Village has recently approved a Financial Plan that provides a balanced budget across all operating funds. Even after reducing last year's expenditures for start-up costs related to our new police department, as well as the roads and drainage program, this year's operational expenditures are up less than 2%.

The General Fund should experience a surplus of \$25,700 this coming year, versus a projected General Fund deficit in fiscal year 2009 of \$966,500.

This good news comes from the hard work and careful planning of your Village's Trustees and staff, as well as the dedication of your neighbors who serve on various Inverness Boards and Committees. This is particularly gratifying when you consider this year includes the creation of our own Inverness Police Department and its related start-up costs, as well as the beginning of our aggressive Village-wide roads program, made possible by our recently-completed bond issue.

### **Roads Program:**

You have no doubt noticed a great deal of activity throughout the Village in road improvement. A separate article in this newsletter highlights those areas scheduled for completion this year, and it's an aggressive program to say the least. More details about the program can be reviewed on the Village's website at [www.villageofinverness.org](http://www.villageofinverness.org). While we know road construction can be annoying at times, I hope you'll agree that the resulting improvements will be worth the inconvenience. By the end of next year, all Village roads planned to be improved should be completed as part of our bond issue that locks in lower costs and efficiencies associated with this accelerated program. A special thanks to Cook County Commissioner Gregg Goslin who worked with us in expediting the resurfacing of Ela Road in conjunction with our road program.

### **Inverness Police Department:**

I can't tell you how many calls we get at Village Hall, commenting on the enhanced presence and coverage from our new Inverness Police Department. I am pleased to report that the police start-up costs were \$200,000 less than budgeted, the result of the quality and timing of the department's training program. First year operational costs for the Police Department are comparable to last year's contractual costs with the Village of Barrington, and represent a savings of approximately \$600,000 over the Village of Barrington's initial proposal.

While so many communities are experiencing budget deficits and dramatic operational cutbacks, we are pleased to report that your Village is in a strong financial position . . . borne out by the rare "AAA" Bond rating awarded to Inverness from Standard & Poor's earlier this year.

We welcome your questions, suggestions and comments, and invite you to stop by Village Hall or our new Police Department located in the Village Annex across the street at any time.

As always, we're here to serve you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Tatoes, Mayor

## Police Department

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and become part of the community. More than two dozen residents recently attended a "meet and greet" at Inverness on the Ponds where Officers Suchomski and Waclawski had the opportunity to talk one-on-one with those in attendance. Officers also attended the June 12 concert in the park at North Park where they assisted with traffic control and took advantage of the opportunity to introduce themselves.

Officers have also attended the opening of the Valley Lake Swim Club, a cancer survivors' function at the Wellness Place, and the Braymore Hills block party where they not only met with residents but assisted with the tractor races.

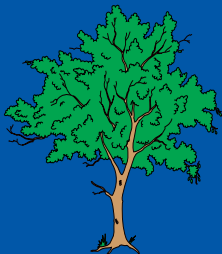
"We are out talking to people every day to see what the needs are in the community," Haas said. "People have been friendly and enthusiastic about the new Police Department."

Many residents have also taken the opportunity to stop by the new police station, located on the southwest corner of Roselle and Baldwin roads in the Village Hall Annex, which has been remodeled to accommodate the Police Department.

"The door is open," Haas said. "Residents have stopped in to see the station and to put names and faces together. We welcome the opportunity to get to know the residents and for them to get to know us."

## Inverness 50/50 Tree Program is Back!

Be watching for details in the fall issue of the Village newsletter.



## Filling Out a Building Permit Just Got Easier -- They're Now Available Online

If you are planning a home improvement project that involves new construction or remodeling, you will be glad to know that filling out the required permit is as easy as visiting the Village's website, [www.villageofinverness.org](http://www.villageofinverness.org), going to the "Forms" section, and completing the permit application online. For your convenience, the website now includes an entire section with a variety of forms that can be downloaded.



If you have questions or need assistance in filling out the building permit application, contact the Village of Inverness Building Department at (847) 358-7960 and someone will be glad to help. Building Department hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For your convenience, the Village's Building Code can also be viewed online under the "Links" section.

## Allow Enough Time for Permit Review & Approval

The review and approval process for permit applications for new construction of single family homes typically takes about six weeks. The review and approval process for permit applications for all other types of construction/remodeling projects typically takes about three weeks.

## Inverness Vehicle Stickers Now Available for Purchase at Village Hall

Applications for the 2009-10 Village of Inverness vehicle stickers were mailed to all residents at the end of May. If you did not receive an application or need to obtain another form, simply stop by the Village Hall or call to let us know you need the application and we will gladly put one in the mail to you.

**The deadline for displaying the 2009-10 vehicle sticker is July 1, 2009.**

Vehicle stickers are \$10 per vehicle. Effective September 2, the price will be \$20.00. After October 2, the price jumps to \$100.00.

Dog licenses are priced at \$5.00 until July 1. The fee rises to \$10.00 on September 2.

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

## Remember Proper Pooch Etiquette

Warm weather is here at last, and for lots of folks, that means enjoying a walk through the neighborhood with Fido.



Just a friendly reminder that Village ordinance requires that whenever you are walking your dog off of your property, he/she must be on a leash and under your control at all times. Any "deposits" should also be cleaned up immediately. Your neighbors will appreciate your consideration.

# Home Pickup Service For Computers And Other Electronics (continued from page 1)

thing to do. The At Home Computer Pick Up Program offers the option of having these items picked up from your front door rather than driving to a drop off location.

SWANCC's At Home Pick-up is as easy as 1, 2, 3!

**Step 1** – Schedule a pick-up by contacting SWANCC at (847) 724-9205 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**Step 2** – Place electronics and computer equipment without packaging on the front porch or steps by 7:30 a.m. on the scheduled day of pick-up.

**Step 3** – Tag equipment with signage provided by SWANCC.

The program is available to single family and town home residences with front door access. Residents will pay a fee of \$25.00 via credit card to offset program costs and can recycle up to 6 items per pick-up. See the list of acceptable items below. No individual item can exceed 50 pounds. Cell phones and calculators do not count as an "item." For program questions, please e-mail [athome@swancc.org](mailto:athome@swancc.org).

### Acceptable Materials:

- Personal computer systems • monitors • printers • scanners • fax machines
- electric typewriters • telephone/answering machines • shredders • postage machine
- TVs (max 27" - no wood consoles) • VHS/DVD players • radios
- stereo equipment • microwaves • cell phones • calculators

### Unacceptable Materials:

- TV's over 27" or wood consoles • air conditioners • copy machines
- humidifiers • large or small home appliances • power tools
- software • disks • CDs or DVDs

Through reuse and recycling programs, these materials can be refurbished for reuse or demanufactured for recycling. By not putting your electronics in the trash, natural resources and energy are conserved, valuable and potentially harmful materials are recovered and landfill space is saved.

For many other options regarding permanent drop-off locations, donation and mail in electronic and computer recycling programs, visit [www.swancc.org](http://www.swancc.org).



## Rural Fire Protection District

### September 12 Open House To Include Flight for Life Helicopter

The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District would like to remind residents to mark a special date on their calendars. On September 12, 2009, the Fire Protection District will be hosting its Annual Open House from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The day's activities will be held at the fire station located at 35 N. Ela Road. Additional parking will be available at Holy Family Church, located at 2515 Palatine Road. Shuttle service will be provided.

This event will include many family oriented programs. The Flight for Life Helicopter will be landing, the Home Depot crew will be on hand for project building with the kids, numerous hospitals from around the area will have informational booths, and the firefighters will be demonstrating some rescue techniques.

Come out and spend an enjoyable day at the fire house. You'll learn about many fire prevention and life saving tips while having a great time with the family. Questions? Call the Fire District at (847) 991-8700.



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