



InverNews

The Village With A Heritage

Summer 2011

Phase Three of Village-Wide Road Resurfacing & Repair Program Underway

Preliminary work has begun on the approximately eight miles of streets included in this year's repair and resurfacing program. The Village Board recently awarded a \$2 million contract to Orange Crush for the work which will include patching, resurfacing, edge striping, driveway adjustments, drainage improvements, and shoulder work. Substantial completion is scheduled for early September. Depending on weather, landscaping repairs to shoulder areas may be delayed until the spring of 2012.

Those living on streets scheduled for repair or resurfacing will receive a letter from the Village with detailed information at least one week before crews begin work on their street. Streets included in the 2011 program are:

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| Banbury Road | Lomond Drive |
| Sterling Road | Thomas Atkinson |
| Tweed Road | Plymouth Drive (portions) |
| Bourdeaux Court | Woodview Lane |
| Versailles Court | Bishop Court |
| Cortbridge Road | Dunbarton Drive (portions) |
| Glencrest Drive (portions) | Knox Court |
| Lanark Lane | Livingston Court |
| Stonefield Circle | Livingston Lane |
| Kirkwood Drive | Macalpin Circle |
| Muirfield Road | Macalpin Court |
| Woodburn Court | Macalpin Drive |
| Highland Road | S. Braymore Drive (portions) |
| Kitson Circle | Winfield Lane |



Inverness Celebrates Its 20th Year as a Tree City

Nearly 100 residents attended Inverness' 20th annual Arbor Day celebration on May 11, which included tree raffles, a poster contest, and planting of a Japanese Katsura tree on Village Hall grounds. The event marked the 20th consecutive year that Inverness has been awarded Tree City USA status.

"We were 'green' before being green was the in thing to do," said Trustee Tim Tiedje, who has also served as Tree commission Chairman for the last 15 years. "We've had some great forward thinkers in Inverness." The other Tree Committee members include Linda Novak, Jay Jeschke, Judy Koschel and Jack Tatoes (ex officio).

In addition to Tree City USA status, Inverness has been presented with two other urban forestry awards. In 1997 the Village received a Growth Award from the state. "This award recognized our commitment to going above and beyond the basic requirement to achieve Tree City status," Tiedje said. Inverness was honored for the second time in 2001 with the Partnership Award (continued on page 3)

Vehicle Stickers Available at Village Hall

Applications for the 2011-12 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 2011-12 vehicle sticker is July 1, 2011. 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.



Village Trustee Tim Tiedje with the Japanese Katsura tree planted on Village Hall grounds.

Jack Tatoes



Dear Residents:

In May I wrote to you asking for your help. At that time the General Assembly was considering a proposal to reduce, or possibly eliminate, the dollars collected by the state on behalf of local governments. This was after the General Assembly reduced the local government share of state income taxes from 10% to 6% after the income tax increase in January. Many of you responded by contacting your state legislators to express your opposition to this proposal. Thank you for that effort.

I am happy to report that our efforts were successful. The General Assembly passed a budget that did not contain a further reduction in our share of the state income tax. While we did not achieve a return to the earlier 10% share, we were able to avoid any further loss of those very important revenues that we rely on to deliver services to you. However, we need to remain diligent in protecting this revenue source.

The state's fiscal problems are not close to being solved. Payments to the Village continue to be late. We cannot afford to lose this money since further cuts will only serve to undermine the safety, well-being and services provided to our residents. As a result, we will continue to fight any future effort to divert this funding source and may ask for your help again.

On a lighter note, I had the honor of attending a luncheon celebrating the 70th anniversary of the Garden Club of Inverness. The Garden Club is the oldest active organization in the Village. They are an outstanding organization that has helped with the beautification of public spaces, provided garden therapy for the elderly, funded scholarships for local horticultural students and is an active participant in our Tree City efforts. If you are interested in more information about the Garden Club of Inverness, you can check them out on the web at www.gardenclubofinverness.org. They have also put up a temporary exhibit of their history and past accomplishments at Village Hall. Feel free to stop in and take a look. You can also visit the Village's website to link to other organizations serving our community.

Enjoy the rest of your summer.

Sincerely,

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

Jack Tatoes, Mayor

Summer Safety Reminders

- **Be visible when out walking at night:** Make sure passing motorists can see you. Wear bright colors or reflective clothing. For extra safety, stop by the Police Department and pick up a free flashing light to make yourself more visible. The light has an on/off button and can be attached to your clothing or your dog's leash.
- **No overnight parking on Village streets:** Parking on Village streets is prohibited between the hours of 1:00- 6:00 a.m. seven days a week. If you have overnight guests or need to leave vehicles on the street for other reasons, notify the Police Department by calling (847) 358-7766.
- **Having a party?** No Parking signs, to be posted on the day of your party, can be checked out from the Police Department to ensure that guests only park on one side of the street. They are available on a first come, first serve basis.
- **Be sure your address is easily visible.** Seconds count in an emergency. Reflective signs and letters are available from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District. See page 4 for complete information.





Be on the Lookout for Emerald Ash Borers

The presence of Emerald Ash Borers is being confirmed in an increasing number of nearby communities, including Inverness. Residents should be vigilant about inspecting their ash trees for signs of infestation. Signs of infestation include:

- ▲ the presence of metallic green beetles about half the diameter of a penny on or around ash trees
- ▲ thinning and yellowing leaves
- ▲ D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk or branches
- ▲ shoots growing from the tree's base
- ▲ serpentine shaped larval galleries under the bark

Call the Village if you think you have signs of infestation. More information regarding EAB in Illinois can be found at these web sites:

www.emeraldashborer.info

www.illinoiseab.com

www.mortonarb.org

Tree City *(continued from page 1)*

in recognition of the Village's success in involving local businesses and individuals in promoting the importance of trees in the community.

Thirty of the families who attended the May 11 celebration went home with a new tree to plant on their property.

Mayor Tatooles awarded a \$100 savings bond to first place poster contest winner Margaret Plizga. Runners-up Danya Lloyd and Alyssa Wheat each received a \$50 savings bond.

"School children are always a big part of Inverness' Arbor Day celebration," Tiedje said, "because kids are the next generation of caretakers of our planet."

Computer Recycling at Your Front Door

The **At Home Computer Pickup Program** offered by the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County (SWANCC) provides residents with a convenient option for recycling old electronics and computers.

For \$30.00, Inverness residents can take advantage of front door pickup to recycle up to six items. Additional items are \$5.00 each, with a maximum of 15 items per pickup. Cell phones and calculators are accepted at no cost and do not count toward the item total.

However, when you register online or call to make a pickup appointment, you will need to specify the total number of items you are recycling, including those that do not count toward the maximum allowable number. No one item may exceed 50 pounds.

To be eligible to participate in the At Home Computer Pickup Program, you must live in a SWANCC member community and have street level access to your front door. All materials will be dismantled domestically and recycled by an ISO 14001 and 9001 certified contractor. Due to these recycling efforts, natural resources and energy are conserved, materials are recovered or disposed of in a safe manner, and landfill space is being saved.

To learn more about SWANCC's At Home Pickup Program, or to schedule an at home pickup, go to www.swancc.org or call (847) 724-9205. Information is also available on the Village's home page, www.villageofinverness.org



Drop Off Site Accepts Medications, Sharps & More

The Village of Inverness and the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District have joined the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County's drop-off program which enables residents to safely dispose of certain items such as expired or unused over the counter or prescription drugs. The drop-off site is located at the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District Station 36 at 35 N. Ela Road in Inverness.

In addition to pharmaceuticals, the drop-off site will also accept compact fluorescent light bulbs, sharps containers and batteries. Controlled drugs or fluorescent light bulb ballasts will not be accepted. A list of drugs that cannot be accepted will be available at the drop-off site.

Drop-off hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. only.

For further information please visit the Village's homepage, www.villageofinverness.org or www.swancc.org.



Garbage Pickup Days Change for Independence Day & Labor Day Holidays

Two upcoming holidays will bring changes to the regular garbage pickup days in Inverness.

4th of July: The holiday falls on Monday, July 4; garbage pickup will be on Friday, July 8.

Labor Day: The holiday falls on Monday, September 5; garbage pickup will be on Friday, September 9.

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



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Could We Find You in an Emergency?

Emergencies can and do happen. Being able to find your house number is crucial when seconds count.

If your house number is not easily visible from the road, please consider purchasing a reflective address sign that can be mounted at the edge of the roadway. The signs are available from the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District for \$15.00, including installation. The signs are green fiberglass background, four inches wide by 48 inches high, with white reflective numbering. If you would like to purchase only the reflective numbers, the cost is \$2 for each number, installed by Palatine Rural FPD.



Please contact the Fire Protection District at (847) 991-8700 or Battalion Chief Jeff Dill at jdill@prfpd.org.

Honoring Those Who Serve

Palatine Township is launching a Blue Star Banner Program in order to honor military families in our community by presenting them with a Blue Star Service Banner to display in their window. This banner gives neighbors the opportunity to show their support for family members of those serving in the U.S. Armed Forces.

Family members will be invited to attend a Township Board meeting where they will be presented with the Blue Star Banner along with a special Resolution. Family members include the wife, husband, mother, father, stepmother or father, parent through adoption, foster parents, children, stepchildren, brothers,

sisters and half brothers or sisters of a member of the Armed Forces of the United States.

Check the Township's webpage, www.palatinetownship.com/blue-star-banner/ for more information, or contact Town Clerk Lisa Moran's office at (847) 358-6700.



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.



Calendar of Events

July

- 12 Village Board
- 19 Plan Commission
- 20 Zoning Board

August

- 9 Village Board
- 16 Plan Commission
- 17 Zoning Board

September

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