



## The Mayor's Corner

with David G. Seaman

I hope everyone is enjoying this great summer weather we've been having recently. Here's hoping it sticks around for a while.

I want to take a few moments to update you on the issues Tinley Park has been experiencing with its water meters. On Tuesday, we hired West Monroe Partners in Chicago to perform a comprehensive analysis of our residential "SmartMeter" water meters manufactured by Elster/Severn-Trent. During the first phase of the assessment, which is expected to take



about 30 days, West Monroe will independently review historical water meter information and reads; visually inspect water meter installations; determine statistically significant meter testing methodology; review current Village billing policies and practices; and provide recommendations for a meter asset management program.

The Village began the initial phases of the water testing procedure prior to hiring West Monroe and will provide data to the consultant so that it can be incorporated into the final report. I'm confident West Monroe's unbiased assessment, which should take about 90 days to complete, will provide us with a roadmap to address questions raised about our water meters and billing procedures.

I will be providing you regular updates on this progress throughout the evaluation via these "Mayor's Corner" articles. You also can [click here](#) to watch a comprehensive instructional video that will arm you with the ability to perform a self-check on your meter. In the meantime, if you have questions about your own water meter or billing situation, feel free to give us a call at (708) 444-5500.

In related news, the Village has hired Bill Balling of WRB LLC, an Arlington Heights consulting firm, to act as Interim Public Works Director. Bill will provide short-term leadership while we search for a permanent, full-time director who shares our commitment to delivering the top-notch Public Works services that Tinley Park residents demand and deserve. More specifically, Bill will evaluate the Public Works department and make recommendations for improvement, as well as perform special project assignments.

I also want to welcome new Village Board Trustee Bernie Brady, who will take over my position as Trustee so I can focus all of my efforts on being mayor. Bernie, a forensic accountant, certified public accountant and financial consultant for Bernard E. Brady & Associates, LTD here in Tinley Park, is a skilled and experienced accountant who will be an excellent addition to the Tinley Park team. Welcome aboard, Bernie and Bill!

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### Ty Bates to perform Saturday in Tinley

Nashville Country Artist Ty Bates will perform at the next Music in the Plaza event from 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 8 in Zabrocki Plaza, 17375 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park.

Bates has built a grassroots fan base through performances with artists like Reba, Dolly Parton, Blake Shelton, Gary Allan, Dustin Lynch and Lonestar. Red Light Management also added Bates to its roster of headliners, which includes country favorites Luke Bryan, Faith Hill, Tim McGraw, Dierks Bentley and Kip Moore.

"I grew up on the Garth Brooks, Randy Travis, Alabama and Allman Brothers days of country music,"

Bates said. "Those artists are the reason why I started writing songs. I wanted to touch fans the same way their music did with me. It's about processing and discovering your own meaning behind the songs."

Parmesans Station will sell pizza, Kernel Sweettooth will sell popcorn and other snacks, and the Tinley Park V.F.W. will sell alcoholic and non-alcoholic beverages. Attendees also will be able to buy Downtown Tinley T-shirts for \$5 and sign up for the Experience Downtown Tinley e-newsletter for a chance to win a prize at intermission by stopping by the Downtown Tinley information booth.

Future concerts in the Music in the Plaza series include Reckless on Aug. 22, and Five Guys Named Moe on Aug. 29. [Click here](#) for more information.



Bates

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