

# Tinley Park Exchange



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## From the Mayor's Office



David G. Seaman  
Mayor

Goodbye summer!

At this writing, we just concluded the Music in the Plaza season with an Eagles tribute band, Heartache Tonight. With an expanded number of concerts and an increased focus on the bands, it was a great concert season. It certainly showed, too, as evidenced by the great attendance and great weather.

We also concluded yet another Tuesday Cruise Night season at the end of August and, once again, we had great attendance and great weather. Also in August we finalized the judging and awarded the artists for another season of spectacular Benches on the Avenue.

The Farmers Market was another huge success, as were the Friday Frolics. From the one-time events like the Caribbean Block Party to the floral baskets, Oak Park Avenue was the place to be this summer! My congratulations to the MainStreet Commission and the Village Marketing staff for their efforts in making this one of

the most memorable summers in recent memory!

As hard as it is to believe that fall and winter are upon us, it's tempered a bit by the fact that even more special events are coming! The Downtown Tinley Holiday Happenings weekend will ride into town from Dec. 2 to 4, and the Irish Parade will make its way down Oak Park Avenue in March. See this edition of the Exchange for more details on these events, or visit [www.downtowntinley.com](http://www.downtowntinley.com).

As we get closer to years-end, we are seeing continued interest in Downtown Tinley. The old video store is being rehabbed, and we are seeing renewed interest on the part of small business owners and entrepreneurs as they recognize the opportunity that a business in a downtown has to offer.

We are also seeing serious activity on the part of residential developers in Downtown Tinley. Plans to expand Zabrocki Plaza have been budgeted, and we're working with Metra to find ways to relocate displaced parking as a result of this expansion. The increase in residents will provide the energy needed to sustain our downtown and actually grow business opportunities.

The Village is working to optimize the opportunities that the 280-acre state property (formerly the Tinley Park Mental Health Center) has to offer. With a great deal of resident engagement and input, the development of that property will present new options for people wanting to live and recreate. Stay tuned as the master planning process reaches its conclusion.

I'm also enthusiastic about the Village's new brand direction, which will be centered on music. For more information on this exciting development, see page 5 of this edition of the Exchange.

Over the past few months, the Village has worked hard to be more visible and more transparent in its operations. Televised Village Board meetings are now streamed live, and the Village launched a brand-new Facebook page in October. Increased use of social media is targeted as a vehicle for increased community engagement to better hear from our residents and truly do a better job of two-way dialogue.

In closing, I'd like to express my personal thanks to the entire Village Board, Village staff, Village Commissioners and volunteers for their support of Tinley Park this past year. It is my honor and privilege to serve. On behalf of my wife, Rosemary and I, please accept our wishes for a safe and happy and holy holiday season. *All the best for 2017!*

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# Village Clerk Report



Patrick E. Rea  
Village Clerk

This year has been full of exciting challenges, new accomplishments and exceptional weather that all of us have commented makes Tinley Park look its best. In addition, this entire year has been surrounded by the sights and sounds of the most interesting presidential campaign in years.

For the Clerk's Office staff and me, this year has resulted in a major accomplishment: Cook County Clerk David Orr has placed an early voting site at our Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Ave., Tinley Park. This has been an objective of our office for more than eight years. Now our Cook County voters will not have to travel to either the Orland Township Office or the Oak Forest City Hall to cast their early ballots. Over the last few years, early voting counts for a significant number of the total votes.

Early voting runs through Monday, Nov. 7. This includes Saturday and Sunday hours on Nov. 5 and 6.

Early voting hours are:

- **Monday, Oct. 31 to Friday, Nov. 4:** 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 5:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **Sunday, Nov. 6:** 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- **Monday, Nov. 7:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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## Sister Cities Commission Rejuvenated

The Village of Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission, one of the most successful in the nation, is back with gusto. This commission was started in the later part of the last century to recognize the special twinning relationship between the Village of Tinley Park and Budingén, Germany. Some of Tinley Park's German immigrants had their roots in Budingén, and other Tinleyparkers were stationed at the American military base in Budingén.

In the early 1980s, Prince Otto, the Prince of Budingén, and Mayor Eberhardt Bauner of Budingén reached out to Tinley Park with people-to-people exchanges. This year saw four generations of members of the Royal House visit our town when Princess Anna Carolina Zu Ysenburg, 6, the great granddaughter of Prince Otto, visited a memorial site of her grandfather, Prince Ferdinand, on the Tinley Park Village Hall grounds. Ferdinand was an early leader in the people-to-people program between the two Sister Cities.

The visit from the young princess and her parents served to encourage the Sister Cities Commission to more aggressively look at new Sister Cities around the world. An important part of the commission's fall programming includes a high school delegation from Budingén currently attending Victor J. Andrew High School.



In closing, I'm ecstatic at the fall weather we've been having. Let's hope it sticks around for a while!

I'd also like to congratulate all of those who worked to put together the baskets, flowers, Benches on the Avenue, Music in the Plaza, Cruise Nights and Farmers Market into a truly winning combination for our Village and its citizens.

Finally, a sad goodbye to Sandidge Elementary school. This school was the educational home of thousands of Tinley Park alumni. Sandidge School was named after the late Helen Sandidge, a great teacher to many of us.

On behalf of myself, my family and the wonderful Clerk's staff, allow me to wish you and yours a joyous holiday season and a happy and healthy New Year.

# Manager's Message



David Niemeyer  
Village Manager

With fall and winter come a busy time in the Village of Tinley Park, and I'd like to update you on a few key projects going on around town.

Here at Village Hall, we're constantly looking at ways to make the organization run more efficiently and customer-friendly. With some recent vacancies in staff positions, we are developing a plan to restructure our planning, economic development and building functions to better serve residents and developers. It will also reduce the number of management positions in the planning/development area.

As part of that restructuring, the Village is hiring a new community development director to replace the former planning director position. This new position will oversee the planning, building and economic development functions. In the past these three functions operated as separate departments. The new community development director will ensure that all developments are properly coordinated between the three functions. The second assistant village manager position will not be filled.

We're also reviewing the rest of the Village Hall organizational structure to make sure it aligns with the goals and service level expectations of the residents and Village Board. We are bringing an outside expert who will have an independent perspective to review the staffing in the mayor's, clerk's and managers' offices, as well as the human resources, finance, community development and marketing departments.

The Village is also in the early stages of rebranding itself as the music capital of Illinois, something that will not only benefit the nearly 60,000 residents of Tinley Park but will attract thousands of new visitors to our town every year, visitors who will shop in our stores and dine in our restaurants. See the story on page 5 of this edition of the Exchange for more information.

Finally, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the progress our Village has made toward completing a long-term strategic plan. About a year ago, we sought input from residents, businesses and other stakeholders on what they thought the long-term goals of the Village should be. We asked residents to complete a Village survey, and other stakeholders gave us input through focus groups. More than 1,000 people responded to this survey.

The Village Board took this input and developed a set of prioritized goals that were discussed at a recent Village Board meeting. The final step will be the assignment of goals to specific departments, as well as projected timetables. This plan will be finished before the Village begins preparing the Fiscal Year 2017-18 budget later this year and will help guide the budget priorities this year and in the future. Look for more information on our plan on the Village website at [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org).

I wish you and your family a great holiday season and prosperous new year.

## MONTHLY REPORT OF ACTIVE PROJECTS NOW ONLINE

The Village of Tinley Park's new Community Development Department recently began preparing a monthly report of active Village projects, which is available on the Village website at [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org) under the "Quick Links" section.

Each report provides detailed information on planning, building and economic development projects currently happening in town, as well as a section on existing property maintenance matters.

The report is updated monthly and posted to the Village website.





## Village's New **Brand** Direction

Music is a language all its own. From notes to beats to entire melodies, music is arguably the only thing that can cross entire continents and not be lost in translation along the way.

With its Hollywood Casino Amphitheater, its award-winning school bands and its plethora of bars and restaurants with active concert stages, music is already in the very DNA that makes up Tinley Park. It's perhaps no surprise, then, that the Village selected music to be the main focus of its new brand.

Watch marketing expert Roger Brooks discuss this new brand direction and why it's vital to the future of Tinley Park by visiting [www.tinleypark.org/TPTV](http://www.tinleypark.org/TPTV) and clicking on the "Tinley Park Brand Direction" link.

The road to selecting music as the new brand direction was a long process that involved a wide cross-section of Tinley Park. The journey began in July when Brooks, of Roger Brooks International (RBI), visited town to give a presentation titled "The Art of Branding" that aimed to educate the community about the branding process. This was followed by the formation of a Brand Development Team tasked with guiding the branding process through its various stages of development.

In August, RBI created a community survey to solicit feedback from residents, business owners and visitors on the branding process. During this time, RBI also held several stakeholder interviews at Village Hall that sought

input from some of those within the community that will have an interest in the brand.

Brooks returned the first week in October for Branding Week, which consisted of several meetings to finalize the brand, before giving a presentation Oct. 7 at the Tinley Park Convention Center.

"With music as our primary focus, the Village of Tinley Park will become one of the most desirable places to live, raise a family, start and grow a business, and to visit," Tinley Park Mayor Dave Seaman said.

The Brand Development Team was comprised of Daniel Fitzgerald and Angela Foreman (Tinley Park Convention Center); Jackie Bobbitt (director of the Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce); Beth Fahey (owner of Creative Cakes and MainStreet Commission Chairman); Courtney Rourke (operations manager at Hollywood Casino Amphitheater); Nick Halikias (owner of Odyssey Country Club); Greg Carter (Tinley Park Park District); Julie Dekker (Vogt Visual Arts Center Director, MainStreet Commissioner, community volunteer); Paula Wallrich (Tinley Park Interim Community Development Director); Stephanie Kisler (Village Planner); Dave Niemeyer (Village Manager); Brian Younker and Kevin Suggs (Village Trustees); and Donna Framke (Tinley Park Marketing Director).

Visit [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org) for more information as the branding process unfolds over the next several months.

# Commission

# Spotlight

## Veterans Commission

The Tinley Park Veterans Commission is always on duty, making sure those who have served and those who have fallen are never forgotten.

“These brave men and women understand that integrity, honor, courage, commitment and sacrifice are personal character traits that free men and women cannot and should not live without,” Veterans Commission Chairman Maj. Wiley Roberts (Ret.) said.

The Veterans Commission, established in 1974, is tasked with three goals. The first and perhaps most important is to continually recognize the contributions of Tinley Park residents who have served in the Armed Forces of the United States. It also exists to assist veterans in preserving their rights in obtaining benefits from various governmental agencies by cooperating with the agencies for the benefit of the veterans. The Veterans Commission also works to educate residents of the accomplishments and contributions of veterans.

Local veterans groups include American Legion Post 615, V.F.W. Post 2791, the Korean War Veterans Association, South Suburban Chapter 23, the Marine Corp League, Kevin Clarke – Detachment 1217 and the USS Chicago Base Submarine Veterans. Each year on May 1 many of these groups, along with the Veterans Commission, participate in Loyalty Day to honor the memories of deceased veterans. Members visit three cemeteries in Tinley Park and place markers and American flags on the graves of veterans.

The Veterans Commission also hosts Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies each year at the Gen. Patrick E. Rea Veterans Plaza. Both events feature patriotic music, presentations of awards, speeches by veterans and elected officials, and moments of silence to honor the fallen.

The Veterans Commission also sponsors several events throughout the year, including the All Service Breakfast, the Veteran Volunteer Recognition, the American Flag flying above the Oak Park Avenue train station in honor of fallen veterans and the Brick Paver



Program at Veterans Plaza (see page 25 of this edition of the Exchange for more information.)

“Another great program is our American Military at War program in which we adopt a military unit serving in a war zone or hostile environment and send toiletries and other small items to soldiers who are otherwise unable to get them,” Roberts said. “Although each soldier only receives a small package, it’s a useful and thoughtful expression of our support for them for serving our country.”

The Veterans Commission meets at 7 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month in the Kallsen Center at Tinley Park Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Ave. For more information, please visit [www.tinleypark.org/Veterans](http://www.tinleypark.org/Veterans).

### VETERANS COMMISSION

#### Chairpersons

Wiley Roberts  
Anthony Castillo

#### Trustee Liaison

Kevin Suggs

#### Associate Members

Norm Pestlin  
Colleen Simon  
Bruce Lorence  
Bill Conner  
Robert Baisa  
William Rasmussen  
Bill Minnich

Jack Morley  
Arlene Morley  
Ken Wrezzes  
Jim Wilkins  
Eva Reyes-Seitz  
Christine Hansley  
Tom Tomich

Bill McNellis, *Commander, American Legion Post 615*  
Fred Cagle, *Commander, Bremen VFW Post 2791*

**Veterans Day  
Ceremony**  
November 11, 2016  
10:00 A.M.  
Gen. Patrick E. Rea  
Veterans Plaza  
80th Avenue Train Station



### ***Police stress caution when dealing with unsolicited calls and salesmen***

The Tinley Park Police Department is aware of several scams being conducted in the area, including:

- **IRS Scam:** Scammers call victims and claim there is a problem with their tax return in an effort to gather sensitive information.
- **Driveway Scam:** Con artists go door-to-door and scam consumers out of thousands of dollars by promising cheap, quick driveway repairs.
- **Red-Light Camera Scam:** Scammers call phone numbers at random and tell victims they have an overdue red light camera fine. They claim the only way to avoid a significant late fee, a court case or even jail time is to pay the bill over the phone.
- **Prize Cruise Scam:** Victims receive a phone call with news that they won a cruise or a cut-rate price on a cruise. They are then asked for Social Security and credit card numbers to pay a deposit, port taxes or processing fee.
- **Green Dot Card Scam:** Victims are told they won money and a new car and must pay \$350 for a Green Dot MoneyPak card (a pre-paid money card) to claim the prize. They are asked for the number on the back of the card and told the prize money will be delivered, but the pre-paid \$350 is then depleted off the card.
- **Medicare Scam:** Scammers representing themselves as government or insurance company representatives try to talk Medicare beneficiaries into revealing their Medicare number and other sensitive information.
- **CP2000 Scam:** Scammers send taxpayers and tax professionals a fake IRS tax bill related to the Affordable Care Act. The notice is labeled CP2000 and is for tax year 2015.



Police recommend that residents only provide sensitive information to someone they know and not someone who appears to be calling from a bank, the IRS or some other company or agency.

If you or someone you know is the victim of a scam, please call the Tinley Park Police Department at (708) 444-5300 to report it.

The police department will notify residents of new scams or of updates to existing scams online at [www.tinleypark.org/CrimePrevention](http://www.tinleypark.org/CrimePrevention).



Join us for a weekend of **FREE** family events!

# Holiday Happenings

## Friday, December 2

- 5:30 pm Community Sing-Along
- 6:00 pm Mayor's Tree Lighting Ceremony
- 6:00-9:00 pm Holiday Market

## Saturday, December 3

- 11:45 am Tinley's Toyland Parade
- 12:00-6:00 pm Holiday Market
- Photos with Santa
- Rides & Activities
- 12:30-5:30 pm Carriage Rides
- 2:00 pm Ice Carving Demonstration
- 4:00-6:00 pm Campfire



## Sunday, December 4

- 12:00-5:00 pm Holiday Market
- Photos with Santa
- Rides & Activities
- 12:30-5:30 pm Carriage Rides
- 3:00-5:00 pm Campfire
- 5:00 pm Parade of Lights

Visit [www.DowntownTinley.com](http://www.DowntownTinley.com)  
for a complete schedule of events.

  
Downtown Tinley



## Village Announces Winners of 2016 Benches on the Avenue



*Benches on the Avenue artists, along with family and friends, gather at the Aug. 27 Music in the Plaza concert in Zabrocki Plaza. Winners were announced at intermission.*

The winners of the 2016 Benches on the Avenue public art project were announced at the Aug. 27 Music in the Plaza concert in Zabrocki Plaza. This year's theme was "Once Upon a Time . . . Favorite Children's Storybooks" and featured 20 benches.

**Best Portrayal of Theme:** Steg-O-Snore; *Michelle and Melissa Patino*

**Most Creative:** The Napping House; *Renee and Christopher Galvin*

**Best Three-Dimensional Bench:** But No Elephants; *Nick Schulien*

**Best Use of Materials:** The Lorax & Friends; *Illinois Institute of Art, Tinley Park*

**Judge's Choice:** The Giving Tree; *Nikki Walsh*

**Best First-Time Artist:** Clifford the Big Red Firehouse Dog; *Jackie Bobbitt*

**Best Group/Family Project:** The Marauder's Bench; *South Suburban College*

Many thanks to this year's Benches on the Avenue judges, which included Tom McNulty, Tinley Park Chamber of Commerce; Sue Bailey, Tinley Park Public Library; Kurt Dekker, Tinley Park Historical Society; Julie Volkman, MainStreet Commission; and Abbey Maloney, The Painted Turtle.

Visit [www.tinleypark.org/benches](http://www.tinleypark.org/benches) for more Benches on the Avenue information.

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## Call to Artists | 2017 Benches on the Avenue

The Village of Tinley Park is seeking amateur and/or professional artists; teachers and students; groups and individuals interested in participating in the annual Benches on the Avenue public art project, which is a high-profile event that each year attracts thousands of people to the downtown area.

**To request complete guidelines for submission, email [jcarroll@tinleypark.org](mailto:jcarroll@tinleypark.org).**



# Police Department News



## RESIDENTS SHOW SUPPORT FOR LOCAL POLICE

Over the past year, police departments around the nation have been under intense scrutiny. After the tragic sniper attack in Dallas, many people began to reach out to their local police departments to offer words of encouragement and appreciation to their local officers.

“Clearly, police officers cannot do their job unless they have the support and trust of those they police,” Tinley Park Police Chief Steve Neubauer said. “The residents and business community have reached out to the Tinley Park Police Department with wonderful words of support, cards and visits.”

In one case, a mother stopped in with her two preschool children to meet a local officer and present some artwork they had done. She was concerned that her children were exposed to such negative police media coverage that they would not recognize the vast majority of officers are dedicated to the safety of not only her children but the entire community.

“The overwhelming support of the community has been very meaningful to the men and women of the Tinley Park Police Department, and we would like to thank all for those gracious thoughts and comments,” Neubauer said.



## COMMUNITY WATCH - VALUABLE CRIME PREVENTION TOOL

This summer many suburbs, including Tinley Park, have seen an uptick in residential burglaries and burglaries to motor vehicles. Besides the fact that people lose personal items such as cash, wallets, laptops, tablets and other valuables, many residents are disturbed by the loss of personal security in their neighborhoods.

Although the Tinley Park Police Department has increased patrols in residential areas, including the addition of bike patrols, the police department counts on its residents and business partners to be part of Community Watch and report suspicious activity.

“There are two things we constantly ask of our citizens – lock your cars, garages, sheds and houses, and please call 9-1-1 when you see suspicious activity at your business or neighborhood,” Tinley Park Police Chief Steve Neubauer said. “But there is even more that can be done.”

The police department has created a new Community Watch page at [www.tinleypark.org/CommunityWatch](http://www.tinleypark.org/CommunityWatch) and will also utilize the Village of Tinley Park’s new Facebook page as outlets for emergency information.



“In years past, police would manage a Neighborhood Watch program consisting of block captains who worked with the police department to distribute important crime prevention information to their neighbors,” Neubauer said. “In today’s multimedia era, however, the police department will be distributing that information through the various village media outlets, which include Facebook, City Watch, the Village’s weekly Community Email newsletter, the emergency text sign-up program, press releases, Twitter and Tinley TV.”

Another facet of Neighborhood Watch in the past was to have officers meet with citizens to put on programs of interest to the community.

“In the past, these presentations were not very well-attended,” Neubauer said. “Instead of the police department designing a presentation and guessing what the community would like to discuss, we would invite neighborhood groups, churches, clubs and associations to ask for an officer to speak on a topic of their choosing.”

The police department’s Speakers Bureau includes presentations on crime trends, scams, financial crimes, personal safety, identity theft, digital crimes, child issues, neighborhood traffic safety, senior citizen issues, child safety seat installation, narcotics, home security inspections and surviving an active shooter.

“It’s our goal that the police department can customize a Speakers Bureau program for your needs.”

For more information on Community Watch, please visit the police department webpage at [www.tinleypark.org/CommunityWatch](http://www.tinleypark.org/CommunityWatch).

## Officer Jogmen Lives On at Training Facility



The Tinley Park Police Department is fortunate to have a wonderful training facility, the Jogmen Center, which can host as many as 70 students and is equipped with the latest PowerPoint and electronic teaching tools. The training room is also used by outside agencies who train police officers from all over the region.

The center was named in honor of Louis Jogmen, a Tinley Park police officer who was shot in the head during an armed robbery at a convenience store in 1977. Jogmen woke in the hospital two months later and endured nine surgeries. He was never able to return to duty and died in 1986.

“Officer Louis Jogmen was a dedicated police officer and selfless hero,” Tinley Park Police Chief Steve Neubauer said. “Today, officers train to serve and protect the community in a facility that is a constant reminder of the sacrifice of a true Tinley Park hero.”



## Crime Prevention Officer Dina Navas Wins Elderly Service Officer of the Year Award

The Illinois Attorney General recently awarded Tinley Park community service officer (CSO) and crime prevention specialist Dina Navas with the Elderly Service Officer of the Year award at a conference in Champaign, IL. Navas has been specially trained as an elderly service officer to assist senior citizens who come into contact with the police.

Navas, a Village of Tinley Park employee since 1991 and CSO since 2005, assists seniors with a multitude of problems and matches seniors with appropriate assistance or a social service agency. She has partnered with Catholic Charities, PLOWS Council on Aging and the Will County Senior Services to find solutions to senior’s concerns or problems.

Navas also provides training and presentations on senior resources in the community, crime safety and scams. Navas also coordinates the Tinley Park S.A.L.T. (Seniors and Law Enforcement Together) program and hosts monthly meetings at the police station on topics concerning senior safety and health. She also is an AARP Driver Safety instructor and teaches the “Smart Driving” course to drivers age 55 and older.



“Dina is an advocate and problem-solver for our senior residents when they have no where else to turn,” Tinley Park Police Chief Steve Neubauer said. “We’re proud of her dedication and service to our senior citizens.”

*Pictured (from left) are Officer Perry Dubish, Chief Steve Neubauer, Dina Navas, Deputy Chief Lori Mason and Officer Bob Shervino*

# Emergency Management News

## Preparedness Key for Managing Emergencies



The Tinley Park Public Safety team's mission is to prepare, respond, mitigate and recover from emergencies should they happen in our Village. The men and women of the Village's public safety agencies take great pride in handling these events from start to finish.

It all starts with the thousands of hours that go into planning and preparing for different scenarios that might impact the Village. Plans are then reviewed by the county, state and Department of Homeland Security, and then tested daily with drills, exercises and real-world events. Everyone involved works together as a team and within the guidelines of the National Incident Management System and National Preparedness Framework.

An incident starts with a phone call to the Tinley Park 911 Command Center, where dispatchers assess the emergency situation then direct resources to the incident. From there, Tinley Park fire, police and EMS personnel respond and request additional resources if necessary.

The entire process is a team effort that includes residents. It's important that everyone has a plan for an emergency. When preparing a disaster plan, keep the following tips in mind:

- Keep insurance policies, documents and other valuables in a safe place.
- Purchase a weather radio for your home to warn you of impending severe weather.
- Assemble a disaster supplies kit containing a first-aid kit, nonperishable canned food, a hand-operated can opener, bottled water, sturdy shoes, work gloves, a battery-powered radio, a flashlight, extra batteries and any special items for infants, elderly or disabled family members.
- Include in the kit written instructions on how to turn off your home's utilities.
- Create a plan to communicate with your loved ones during a severe storm or disaster.
- If you have a loved one who commutes to Chicago, create a plan in case they are stranded or if communications are down.
- If you have elderly or disabled neighbors who would benefit from your help in an emergency, create a plan to help them.
- If you have pets, be sure to include them in your plan, as well.

Join with others to prepare for emergencies and participate in America's PrepareAthon today! For more information, please visit [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov).

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## NEXT-GENERATION 911 COMING TO TINLEY PARK

Next-generation 911, known as "Text to 911," is coming to Tinley Park next spring and will allow residents to send text messages to the Tinley Park 911 Center.

Text messaging is one of the primary ways people communicate today. Text to 911 will be very useful to residents who are hard of hearing, deaf or speech impaired.

Text to 911 could help in situations when a crime is in progress, or when the caller is injured and cannot speak or is facing domestic abuse.

When Text to 911 is available in Tinley Park, please remember that texting should only be used when you are unable to make a voice call to 911. All calls to 911 should be made when you have a true emergency, and please remember to never text and drive.

Currently, if you attempt to text to 911 you will receive this message: "Please make a voice call to 911. There is no text service to 911 available at this time."



# SMART TIPS

you can use in your home

## Recycling

Use sponges, washcloths and hand towels instead of paper towels.

Avoid using disposable products like paper plates and plastic utensils.

Look for containers that can be reused (or at least recycled). Glass containers can be used again and again.

Get the whole family involved - kids are very interested in making greener decisions.

## Fire Safety

Never leave candles burning unattended or within reach of small children.

Read and follow the instructions for using a space heater. Never use an extension cord.

Check your smoke/ carbon monoxide alarms once a month. Replace every 10 years.

# Food Preparation

The first rule of food safety is to keep everything clean - hands and surfaces.

Separate your food. Don't give bacteria an opportunity to spread.

Cook food to safe internal temperatures. Use food thermometers.

Refrigerate foods quickly because harmful bacteria grows rapidly at room temperature.

# Winterization

Clean your gutters. Make sure water can flow freely to prevent icicles.

Replace the filters in your central air and heating systems.

Install window insulation film to keep heat from escaping.

# Fire Department News



## Fire-Safe Holiday Season

The holidays can be a wonderful time of year, but they're also unfortunately a prime time for residential fires. The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau would like to offer the following tips to keep your holidays safe.

### Candles

- Never leave burning candles unattended or within reach of small children.
- Place candles in non-tip candle holders.
- Never burn candles near combustible decorations/displays.
- Keep candles away from curtains and other combustibles.
- Extinguish candles before you leave a room or go to bed.

### Portable Space Heaters

- Before using a space heater, read and follow the instructions for its operation and maintenance.
- Look for a space heater that is labeled by a nationally recognized testing laboratory (such as Underwriters Laboratory).
- Make sure the space heater is equipped with tip-over protection, which will automatically turn the heater off if it is knocked over.
- Plug the space heater into a wall outlet. Never use an extension cord.
- Never run power cords under rugs or carpeting.
- Never leave a space heater operating unattended or while sleeping.
- Space heaters should always be on a level, noncombustible surface.
- Maintain a minimum of three feet clearance around the space heater

### Smoke Alarms

- Are your smoke alarms too old? Check the date the smoke alarm was manufactured (the date can be found on the back of the smoke alarm). If it's more than 10 years old, it needs to be replaced. The lifespan of a smoke alarm is seven to 10 years.
- Test your smoke alarm once a month by pressing the "test" button.
- If you didn't change the battery when you changed your clock for Daylight Saving Time, please do so now. The most frequent reason for a smoke alarm not working is a missing or dead battery.

### Carbon Monoxide Alarms

- Carbon monoxide is a colorless, odorless, poisonous gas produced by the incomplete burning of various fuels including wood, charcoal, kerosene, propane and natural gas.
- Sources of carbon monoxide include furnaces, gas stoves/ovens, fireplaces, water heaters, clothes dryers, power generators and motor vehicles.
- Symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning include:
  - Headache
  - Fatigue
  - Nausea
  - Dizziness
  - Shortness of breath
- Per state law, you are required to install and maintain carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Follow the manufacturer's instructions on proper installation.
- A carbon monoxide alarm has a lifespan of five to seven years.

### 'Keep the Wreath Red'

The Tinley Park Fire Department urges everyone to help "Keep the Wreath Red" until January 2, 2017. The fire department will place a wreath illuminated with red bulbs in front of all four fire stations. If a fire occurs during the holiday season in which holiday decorations are determined to be involved, one of the red bulbs will be replaced with a white bulb. This will serve as a reminder of the safety precautions that should be taken during the holiday season.

*The Tinley Park Fire Department wishes all citizens a happy and fire-safe holiday season!*

## Chief Dunn Retires from Fire Department



After a long and distinguished career, Fire Chief Ken Dunn retired from the Tinley Park Fire department in June.

“It has been a pleasure working with so many good people, and I would like to thank you for that opportunity,” Dunn said.

Dunn was the Village’s Fire Inspector from 1972 until he became Fire Chief in 1996. He has an associate's degree in fire science and received the Illinois State Medal of Valor for saving a firefighter’s life.

Dunn served in the U.S. Army Security Agency, specifically in communications security. He spent 13 months in Korea and two years in Germany. By the time he left Korea he was promoted to Specialist E-5, and in Germany he was responsible for running an office.

In his resignation letter, Dunn recounted the story of how he became associated with the fire department.

More than 40 years ago, as a public

works employee, Dunn was given a mandate by his then-boss, former Public Works Department Director Bob Powers.

"We were all given applications to become members of the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department," Dunn said. "Bob Powers gave us instructions; 'Fill these out or don't show up for work on Monday.' If you knew Bob, on Monday you had the form filled out. Little did he know what a great thing he had done for me."

Three years later, Dunn started working with the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau. After several years there he became Fire Chief.

“It has been an honor to work for this community and the men and women of the department,” Dunn said. “I grew up in Tinley Park, as did my dad, my wife, my children and now their children. Tinley Park is a great place to grow up.”

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## FIRE CORPS

The Tinley Park Fire Corps is looking to recruit new members to assist the Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau with its public education programs. For more information, please call (708) 444-5200.



## EDUCATION

The Tinley Park Fire Prevention Bureau offers American Heart Association CPR training and fire extinguisher training.

For more information on these programs, please call the Fire Prevention Bureau at (708) 444-5200.



# Stay Connected

## VILLAGE WEBSITE

Visit [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org) for the latest news and events in town.



## YouTube

Tinley Park's official YouTube page is accessible at [www.tinleypark.org/TPTV](http://www.tinleypark.org/TPTV).

## COMMUNITY EMAIL

Click on the "**Stay Informed**" tab on the website to receive Village news via email.

### TINLEY NOW STREAMING VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS LIVE

Village Board meetings are now streamed live on the official Tinley Park Television YouTube channel, available through [www.tinleypark.org/VideoBoardMeetings](http://www.tinleypark.org/VideoBoardMeetings).

Viewers can visit the channel up to 15 minutes before the start of the meeting and then click on that meeting's video icon to begin watching the live stream. Village Board meetings are typically held at 8 p.m. the first and third Tuesdays of the month at Tinley Park Village Hall; any special start times will be announced the week before they occur so viewers can plan accordingly.

Village Board meetings will be rebroadcasted on Tinley TV daily within 48 hours on Comcast Channel 4 and U-Verse Channel 99. For more information on Tinley TV, please visit [www.tinleypark.org/TPTV](http://www.tinleypark.org/TPTV).

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### EXPERIENCE DOWNTOWN TINLEY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

There are so many events and deals happening every day in Downtown Tinley that it sometimes may be difficult to keep track of them all. Luckily, the monthly "Experience Downtown Tinley" electronic newsletter does it for you!

The newsletter is filled with information on what's happening in Downtown Tinley, including events, dining, entertainment, shopping specials and more. Also, a lucky subscriber is chosen each month to receive a free \$50 gift certificate to the Downtown Tinley business of their choice. It could be you!

To subscribe, visit [www.downtowntinley.com](http://www.downtowntinley.com), click on the "Email Newsletter" link at the top and then fill out the form on the page. It's that simple! **Sign up today so you won't miss a thing!**

# WATER METER REPLACEMENT PLAN

The Village of Tinley Park has contracted with United Meters, Inc. of Morris, IL to replace about 15,000 Severn-Trent/Elster water meters in town with Sensus iPERL water meters beginning mid-October 2016 and lasting 18 to 24 months. These new meters will allow the Village to implement an automated meter reading process that will provide better customer service, reduced operational costs and greater access to data.

“The new meters automatically transmit readings wirelessly, which in turn reduces the need for manual meter readings, potentially catches leaks sooner and provides greater access to data than the current meter in your home or business,” said Trustee Brian Younker, Chairman of the Village’s Public Works Committee.

A small box, called a Meter Interface Unit (MIU), or transmitter, will be installed on the exterior of homes and businesses and will be connected to the new water meter inside. The MIU transmits a radio signal to a data collector, and the meter reading is then transmitted to Tinley Park Village Hall. Each meter has a unique identification number that ensures only an individual customer’s reading is assigned to their account.

United Meters, Inc. will be responsible for replacing most water meters and will mail a letter directly to residents containing information on how to schedule an appointment when the project moves into their area of the Village. Tinley Park Public Works Department staff will be responsible for other installations, including commercial water meters, residential water meters in multi-meter

rooms and radio installs on currently installed Sensus products.

The cost of the water meter replacement will be about \$6.5 million.

“Installation of these new meters will be done at no cost to customers,” Mayor Dave Seaman said. “Other things may impact the Village’s utility rates, such as the Chicago water rate increases, but the new meters alone will not result in a rate increase.”

The Village has been actively replacing meters for

some time using various models of Sensus meters, including the Acustream and iPERL models for most residential applications, and Omni models for larger water services. Residents and business owners who already have one of these model meters (installed since Jan. 23, 2013 for the Sensus Accustream or



Sensus iPERL, or since Oct. 1, 2009 for the 1.5" or larger size meters) will not get a new meter. However, a new radio device will be installed over the existing touch pad on the outside of the house as part of the AMI metering enhancements.

“It’s unlikely technicians installing the radio equipment will need access to the inside of your home,” Water and Sewer Superintendent Tom Kopanski said.

The Village selected the iPERL due to its performance and overall service, as well as the experience of the manufacturer, cost savings it provides to the Village, and its 20-year warranty, which is much greater than the meters they will replace.

# LIVE A MORE ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY LIFE



Many of us want to live a more environmentally responsible life, but it can sometimes be difficult to know how to make the right choices or even where to start.

Tinley Park Environmental Enhancement Commission Chairman Antonio Halek recommends that residents try “precycling” – a term that means reducing waste by buying unpackaged, reusable or recyclable products.

“This could simply mean using a glass instead of a disposable cup, or using a reusable shopping bag when you go to the grocery store,” Halek said.

Here are a few more things you can do to live a greener life:

- Don’t use plastic grocery store bags when making small purchases you can carry.
- Use sponges, washcloths and hand towels instead of paper towels.
- Look for containers that can be reused (or at least recycled). Keep in mind the infamous red cup cannot be recycled, as well as any other plastic container bearing the number “6” in the recycle symbol.
- When appropriate, avoid using disposable products like paper plates and plastic utensils.
- Get the family involved and teach everyone about recycling. Kids and adults alike are very interested in making greener decisions, so invest some time in coming up with a plan that will help your family live a more environmentally responsible life.

- Get to know what and how you can recycle, as well as precycle.
- Recycling plastic bags at home does more harm than good. Instead, try taking the bags to a retailer that accepts them like Target or Kohl’s.
- Paint is not considered a Household Hazardous Waste. However, it must be hardened with kitty litter or paint hardener before it can be collected by the garbage company.
- Harvesting rain from a rain barrel is great for your plants, your budget and the environment, so consider installing a rain barrel.

“Small decisions make a big difference, so don’t beat yourself up for not implementing every possible recycling activity,” Halek said. “This is something you should feel proud of and enjoy doing – not dread.”



## REMINDER

**Environmental Enhancement Commission's annual Spring Clean-Up event will be held on Saturday, April 22 (Earth Day).**

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## Village Begins LED Streetlight Installations

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The Village of Tinley Park has hired Meade Electric of McCook, IL to replace about 360 streetlights in Bremontowne and surrounding areas on Village-owned right of ways with new LED technology that will provide a substantial annual cost savings, cleaner light and instant notification of outages.

Installation began in October and is expected to take about four months. The total cost for materials and labor is \$320,812. The Village has applied for a grant to help offset some of these costs.

About 170 of the streetlights slated for replacement currently utilize 250-watt bulbs and will be replaced with 12,700-lumen LED lights. The other half, about 190 lights, currently uses 400-watt bulbs and will be replaced with 15,700-lumen LED lights. The new LED lights are cleaner, meaning they shine with the appearance of a white light instead of the traditional yellow light.



“The new LED technology also features instant notification of outages, meaning residents within the project area will no longer have to call in broken streetlights to Public Works – we’ll already know about them,” said Tinley Park Village Trustee Brian Younker, who also chairs the Public Works Committee.

The annual cost savings to the Village after installing the 360 LED streetlights will be approximately \$20,000. In addition, the new lights include a 10-year warranty that will result in an additional \$20,000 maintenance savings to the Village over the course of the warranty.

“That’s a significant savings of \$40,000 each year for the first 10 years, and that’s only for one segment of town,” Facilities and Fleet Superintendent John Urbanski said.

This is the first phase in a larger, Village-wide project to replace aging streetlights with new LED technology. There are about 4,000 streetlight heads in the Village that will eventually be replaced.

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## Emerald Ash Borer Tree Replacement Program

In response to the thousands of trees lost to the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) beetle, the Village hired Beary Landscaping, Inc. in Lockport to implement a comprehensive tree planting program to provide more than 10,000 trees throughout the span of three years. Beary has completed the first and second years of planting under the initial contract and is in the process of completing year three, which will end in the spring of 2017.

Year one (fall 2014 to spring 2015) focused on areas throughout the Village where ash and other trees were removed prior to 2014, as well as the west quadrant and portions of the north quadrant from the 2014 EAB removal. Year two (fall 2015 to spring 2016) concentrated on the south quadrant of the Village and portions of the north quadrant from 2014 EAB removal.

Year three will replant trees in the east quadrant from 2014 EAB removal and focus on any remaining planting needs.

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## Village to Demolish Three Buildings

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Due to the poor economy, many blighted buildings and structures exist throughout the Chicago area, its suburbs and the nation as a whole.

“Some building owners feel it’s in their best interests financially to walk away than to continue paying taxes on a dilapidated structure they can no longer afford or are unable to sell,” said Tinley Park Code Compliance Officer Ken Karczewski. “And when buildings stand abandoned for an extended period of time, the community suffers.”

Karczewski said abandoned buildings slowly deteriorate due to lack of maintenance and can become a nuisance infested with problems such as vandalism, graffiti, fly dumping, health issues due to rodent harborage and criminal activity.

“Tinley Park is no exception, which is why we have initiated the lengthy legal process of demolishing three troubled abandoned properties,” he said.

These demolitions include:

- Property located at 17100 S. Harlem Avenue; as of this writing, demolition of the structure and restoration of the lot is nearly complete.
- An old building at 6825 W. 171st Street
- A home at 6573 W. 167th Street that suffered extensive fire damage

After these projects are completed, a lien will be recorded against the property to recover all costs involved, Karczewski said.

“Due to the owners and responsible parties abandoning their responsibilities to the properties,

the Village has taken action to rid the community of these eyesores, and we are on track to remove these buildings,” Karczewski said.

Other properties on Oak Park Avenue have also been investigated for possible demolition, including a gas station at 16836 S. Oak Park Ave., and a hair salon at 17226 S. Oak Park Ave. Both properties have been abandoned for an extended period of time.

The Village recently formed a committee comprised of Code Enforcement staff and representatives from the Tinley Park Police Department, Fire Department and Crime Free Housing Program to continue to monitor such properties and make recommendations to the Village Board for possible demolition.

“There are positive consequences to the demolishing of these buildings,” Karczewski said. “Vacant lots are less expensive to maintain than blighted properties, reinvestment opportunities may be created, and property values may increase as a result of removing the blight from the area.”

The Village will continue to monitor complaints in reference to any unsafe vacant property and will make every attempt to work out any issues with the property owner, Karczewski said.

“When the safety of the community is being affected, demolition of the property in question is a very viable tool that can often bring about positive results,” Karczewski said. “The Village appreciates the patience of the community concerning these matters.”

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## Bus Serves Seniors and Handicapped

Bus service for seniors and the handicapped is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Reservations should be made at least 24 hours in advance by calling (708) 532-7433. Fare is 65 cents each way with an RTA-reduced fare card for riders age 65 and older or \$1.30 per ride each way without the card. Fare for ages 55 to 64 is \$1.30 per ride.

Village bus service for medical appointments in Orland Park, Oak Forest and Mokena only is available from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, excluding holidays. Reservations for all medical appointment-related bus rides must be made at least 48 hours in advance. Fare is 75 cents each way for those age 65 and older with the RTA-reduced fare card and \$1.50 each way without the card. Fare for those ages 55 to 64 is \$1.50 each way. Reservations for all riders are accepted up to seven days in advance.

Cancellations must be made before 9 a.m. Reservations for trips to Brookside Marketplace are preferred on Mondays. For safety reasons, a maximum of two grocery bags are allowed, and they must be securely placed between the seats, on passengers’ laps or on the floor between their feet.

# FOOD PREPARATION TIPS FOR A SAFE HOLIDAY SEASON

'Tis the season of parties at home! Whether preparing food for a party, Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner, people who are great cooks at home don't necessarily know how to safely prepare and store large quantities of food for large groups.



## 4 SIMPLE STEPS TO FOOD SAFETY



Clean



Separate



Cook



Chill

### 1. **Plan ahead**

Be sure you have enough oven, stove top, refrigerator, freezer and work space.

### 2. **Store and prepare foods safely**

Refrigerate or freeze perishable food within two hours of shopping or preparing. Find a separate prep area for raw and cooked foods. Wash hands, sanitize cutting boards, utensils and work surfaces frequently.

### 3. **Cook food to safe internal temperatures**

Use food thermometers to check the internal temperatures of all food. Check the temperature in several places to be sure the food is safely cooked. Never partially cook food for finishing later; doing so increases the risk of bacterial growth.

### 4. **Transport food safely**

Keep hot food (more than 135 degrees) hot, and keep cold food (less than 41 degrees) cold! Keep food cold with ice, refrigeration and insulated

cold pans. Keep food hot with an insulated containers, a stove, an oven, slow cookers or a chafing dish.

### 5. **If reheating is needed, reheat to 165 degrees**

Just warming food can put it in the “temperature danger zone,” which promotes rapid bacteria growth. Use the stove, oven or microwave to reheat food. Bring sauces, soups and gravies to a boil.

### 6. **Keep food out of the “danger zone”** – 41 degrees to 135 degrees. Food in the danger zone promotes rapid bacteria growth, and keeping it out will slow or kill this growth.

### 7. **When in doubt, throw it out!**

Discard food left out at room temperature for more than two hours. Place leftovers in shallow containers and refrigerate or freeze immediately.

**For more resources on food safety, please visit [www.usda.gov](http://www.usda.gov) or [www.foodsafety.gov](http://www.foodsafety.gov).**

# How to Apply for a Special Events Permit

Organizers looking to hold a special event in the Village should keep the following things in mind:

## When to Fill Out a Special Event Permit Application

If your special event is being held on public property and/or you plan on using any Village services, you must fill out the Special Event Permit Application. If an event is expected to cause significant traffic delays or if safety is a concern, a permit is needed.

## Before Submitting the Application

Organizers are encouraged to submit the date of their event as early as possible so the Village can make sure there are enough resources available to accommodate the event. For events such as runs and walks, the route must be approved by the Village before the permit application is submitted. The Village is not responsible for finding a location or route for your event.



## Time Frame

New event applications should be submitted at least 90 days in advance. Organizers for recurring events must submit the application at least 45 days in advance.

## Fees

There is no fee to submit a Special Event Permit Application. However, there are hourly fees if your event requires Village services such as Public Works, traffic control and security. Other permits may be required for your event (like a tent or raffle permit), which are managed by other Village departments. The Marketing Department will assist organizers as much as possible in determining what is required by the Village for their event.

## Where to Find the Application

The Special Event Permit Application can be found on either the Village Forms or Special Event pages at [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org).

## Brick Paver Donor Program

Friends and family of soldiers can honor their heroes by purchasing bricks bearing personalized inscriptions that recognize the soldier's service to our country.

Visit [www.tinleypark.org/Pavers](http://www.tinleypark.org/Pavers) to download and print the form.



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## TINLEY PARK VILLAGE HALL

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**Office Hours:** 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Mondays through Fridays  
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## Village Board and Commission/Committee Meetings

The Village Board and Commissions meet at the Village Hall, 16250 S. Oak Park Avenue.  
 The Police Department Committees meet at the Tinley Park Police Department, 7850 W. 183rd Street.

### Village Board

Regular Meeting 8:00 p.m., first and third Tuesday  
 Committee of the Whole 7:30 p.m., second Tuesday

### Police Department Committees

Crime Prevention 7:00 p.m., second Wednesday  
 D.A.R.E. 7:30 p.m., third Wednesday,  
 October - April  
 S.A.L.T. 1:00 p.m., first Monday  
 February - December  
 (except September)

### Commissions

Civil Services 7:00 p.m., first and third Monday  
 Community Resources 7:30 p.m., second Wednesday  
 Economic and Commercial 6:30 p.m., second Monday  
 Environmental Enhancement 7:00 p.m., third Tuesday  
 Plan 7:30 p.m., first and third Thursday  
 MainStreet 6:00 p.m., third Wednesday  
 Senior Services 3:00 p.m., first Wednesday  
 Sister Cities 7:00 p.m., third Wednesday  
 Veterans 7:00 p.m., second Wednesday  
 Zoning Board of Appeals second and fourth Thursday  
 (as required)

# Upcoming Events . . .



## November 11 - Veterans Day Ceremony

10:00 a.m. | Gen. Patrick Rea Veterans Plaza 80th Avenue Train Station

## December 2, 3 & 4 - Holiday Happenings

All events are held in and around the Oak Park Avenue Train Station

## March - Irish Parade

2:00 p.m. Step-off | Along Oak Park Avenue

## April 8 - Discover Tinley

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Tinley Park Convention Center

## April 9 - Photos with Bunny

Noon - 3:00 p.m. | Oak Park Avenue Train Station

Visit [www.DowntownTinley.com](http://www.DowntownTinley.com) for all upcoming event information.

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**1. Please indicate how you receive information about the Village. Please check all that apply:**

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**2. Please indicate your age group:**

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**3. Your gender:**  Male  Female

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**6. What kind of programming would you like to see on Tinley Park TV in the future?**

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