



PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, December 9, 2025 Board Meeting

From: Braden McClements
Sent: Friday, December 5, 2025 12:14 PM
To: PublicComments

Subject: Assistance requested
To whom it may concern,

I hope you are doing well. My name is Braden McClements, and I live at ****. I am reaching out because I have been unable to get a response through the normal channels, and I'm concerned both about the condition of the property behind me and the safety of children in our neighborhood.

Since the EF-1 tornado over 18 months ago, the fence behind my home has remained down. Over the past 8–12 weeks, I have called the Village building inspector, Dennis Johnson, four or five times after being directed to him by Public Works. Unfortunately, I have not received a single return call, and there has been no movement on resolving this issue.

I have installed temporary wire fencing to keep separation, but it is not adequate or secure. As a resident who takes pride in maintaining my home and who has received compliance notices in the past for far less severe issues (tarp on roof for same storm while waiting for contractor) I am struggling to understand how a fence can remain in this condition for such an extended period without any enforcement or follow-up from the Village.

In addition to the fence, there is also an old swingset immediately adjacent to my yard that appears structurally unsafe. We live near Willow School, and I have personally seen children attempt to play on that swingset while going to and from school or simply just out being kids. With its current condition, I am genuinely worried that a child could be injured if it collapses.

At this point, I am simply asking for assistance in getting a response from the appropriate department and ensuring these issues are assessed and addressed.

Thank you very much for your time and for any help you can provide. I am happy to discuss further or provide photos if needed.

Sincerely,

Braden McClements
Homewood, IL

From: David T. Thetford
Sent: Tuesday, December 9, 2025 3:51 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Geese by James Hart school

Good evening, as I'm sure you are aware the waterfowl issue at the corner of Elder Rd. and Aberdeen St. is being overrun by geese do to the resident at 1100 Elder Rd. continuously feeding them. He's been doing this for five years. I know, I live across the street. The situation is now untenable. These "wildfowl" are no longer migratory birds. Due to continuous feeding they are now domesticated animals. They are no longer afraid of automobiles, people or other animals. The resident pays other people to feed the geese when he is not at home. The geese impede traffic, force children to walk to and from school in goose feces and are a general nuisance. Anyone can come by the school anytime and see the geese here during the daytime. The goose droppings and nuisance are not only on his property. Goose droppings are all over the street, my sidewalk, my yard and driveway. My family cannot leave the house without stepping in droppings. I hope the trustees will attend to this matter, either using municipal codes in place or possibly passing a new one similar to Carol Stream making it illegal to feed waterfowl.

Regards, David Thetford
Sent from my iPhone