

WEEKLY UPDATE FROM THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

2024 VOLUME 37 WEEK OF OCT 21

The Police Department recorded 50 calls for service, wrote 6 incident reports, made 2 arrests, and issued 8 traffic citations and warnings. One crash report was investigated. Last Friday, Village Administrator Dienberg, Chief White, and Sgt. Haff interviewed a candidate for the vacant full-time position, with a background check now underway. Sgt. Haff has been managing the domain change for the department, which has been mostly smooth. Officer Altamirano qualified and will return to duty in November. Officer Spelman had a busy week addressing school district issues. Annual performance evaluations have started and will be completed by next week. The Trunk or Treat event was successful, with many participants, and the Chamber effectively managed setup and teardown. The WPD won the annual Battle of the Badges against WBS Fire following Trunk or Treat, marking the second consecutive victory.

The Deputy Clerk prepared for the CoW meeting, handled a FOIA request, completed zoning verification for 101 Kasch Dr., and prepared for the next board meeting. Training for LOCIS software migration continued. The Treasurer met with Attorney Gaziano and Jenny Blocker to work to resolve LOCIS accounts payable issues, reviewed the PTELL process and levy, coordinated with Public Works on remaining meter swaps, trained the front office on applying late fees and notices, and continued 2024 budget revisions and 2025 Budget Preparations. The Village Administrator attended a Basic Economic Development Course in Naperville from Monday to Thursday. The BEDCs are independently managed by state-level organizations, this one was organized by SIU Edwardsville. These courses provide professionals with the foundational knowledge and skills necessary to build a career in the economic development field. BEDCs are also part of the required coursework to apply for IEDC's Certified Economic Developer (CEcD) Exam.

Public Works completed daily rounds as per IEPA requirements, including data recording and water treatment at six deep water wells, in-person site visits, and SCADA supervision. They completed one partial mowing circuit, two trash circuits, and routine wellhouse cleaning and maintenance, including public restrooms at the lighted diamond. Repairs on the Hurco valve exerciser pressure washer continued, and preparation work was done for a senior service project at WHS. Drainage work continued, along with cold patching and detailed restoration using black dirt and grass seed. The team completed 14 Julie locates and replaced 10 meter toppers. They met with Winnebago County at the Rock 39 water main project and hauled sand for winter preparation. Transition of the shop and yard for winter maintenance continued, with heavy truck maintenance and plow preparation underway. Staff attended the Illinois Rural Water Northern Conference for IEPA-required CEUs and J&R Supply training for professional development. Park maintenance was carried out at Greenlee Park.