

ADVANTAGES!

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A Message from the Mayor ...

Dear Friends,

In our Winter edition of *Advantages*, I spoke of the initiatives and programs that we have implemented to safeguard the health of our residents, as well as to support the economic viability of our businesses. I stressed the importance of observing the 3 W's (Watch your distance. Wear your Masks. Wash your hands.) and how each



of us has a personal responsibility to help minimize the spread of COVID-19.

Over the past several months we have distributed more than 6,000 COVID Essential Kits throughout the Village. I'm happy to report that since late November, the incidence of active COVID-19 cases in Addison has declined by nearly 85 percent. While that number is a reason for optimism, the fact is we're still not where we need to be. The next critical step in overcoming the pandemic is vaccination.

In spite of the limited availability of the COVID vaccine, the Village – in close collaboration with DuPage High School District 88 – was able to obtain more than 3,000 doses for residents 65 years of age and over, and for school faculty. Through a phone bank set up in Village Hall for scheduling and the use of Addison Trail High School facilities for vaccinating, more than 1,400 Addison residents were vaccinated.

The success of this effort was due in large part to the dedication and commitment of Village and District 88 staff. While we are proud of the outcome, we realize that many residents still are unable to obtain the vaccine. As supplies become more readily available, we will continue to work to provide information and to facilitate opportunities for all residents to receive the vaccine.

As we begin to look to the return of Summer, plans for Rock 'n Wheels and other events are under way. However, unless we continue to do our part in ending the pandemic (3 W's and vaccination) those plans are at risk. Please be safe and help keep our community healthy!

Respectfully,

Rich Veenstra



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Who Do I Call?

Have a question for someone at the Village, but not sure who to call? Here are some of the most commonly requested departments from those who call

Village Hall.

You can always call the main switchboard – 630-543-4100 – if you are unsure. But you can save some time by dialing these departments directly.

In Any Sort of an Emergency Call 911

I have a question about my Water Bill, including scheduling final water bill reading 630-693-7570

I need information on getting a Real Estate Transfer Stamp 630-543-4100, ext. 7405

I need information about getting/renewing a Business License 630-693-7573

My garbage/recycling wasn't picked up 630-279-2140

I think I might need a Building Permit for my home project 630-693-7530

My sanitary sewer is backing up! Help! 630-279-2140

I have a question about a traffic citation, or other NON-emergency question for the Police Department 630-543-3080

**A list of other direct phone extensions are available at
AddisonAdvantage.org/i_want_to/contact**



Spring Recycling Event Coming

The Village of Addison Environmental Services Division will partner with Republic Services, USME, SCARCE, and Addison Trail High School to host another recycling event on Saturday, April 17, from 8 a.m. to noon. in the spring.

The event will be open to Addison residents only (proof of residency required). There will be no charge for the event, but there may be limitations on the amount of certain items that can be recycled, such as televisions.

As more details become available, they will be posted to AddisonAdvantage.org; or direct your questions to Environmental Services at 630-279-2140.

Hazardous household waste will not be accepted at this event.



Kicking off

Rock 'n Wheels



Watch for details on our 10th Season!

Thursdays this summer
ItHappensInAddison.com

(All plans tentative and subject to change)

After 29 Years, Harry Theodore to Retire from Village Board

In April's election, residents may notice a familiar name missing from the ballot. After nearly 30 years on the Village Board of Trustees, Harry Theodore is not seeking reelection.

"It's time," he said. "You reach a point where, enough is enough. We're in good hands."

Theodore was first appointed to the Village Board in 1992 by Village President Anthony Russotto.

"It takes time to get things accomplished," he said. "You build

relationships, you make connections, and that takes time."

Over the years, Theodore had the opportunity to get to know people like Congressman Henry Hyde, Senator Peter Fitzgerald and State Representative Lee Daniels. Through them, he said, he learned a lot.

He also cited the relationship with his fellow members of the Village Board, all working on a common vision.

The biggest milestone in that vision, Theodore believes, is the redevelopment along Lake Street.

Theodore and his wife Lori moved to Addison in 1974. It was through the United Hellenic Voters that he first met Russotto and began getting involved.

Since that time, he has also served on the board of Addison Center for the Arts; worked as a director and producer for Addison Community Television's *Sports Special* program; and for 14 years, served as host of ACTV's *Addiscene*,



Don Figarelli (left) appeared on Addiscene along with hosts Lori and Harry Theodore in 2004.

most of that with Lori as co-host.

"*Addiscene* was a terrific avenue for learning about things in town, getting to know everyone," he said. "We met some great people."

Despite leaving the Village Board, Theodore said Addison will remain their home, and they are proud of the community.

"Back when I was running for election with Tony, our slogan was 'Changing the Face of Addison,'" he said. "It's happened. We've made this into a growing, viable community that people love and respect. It's a great place to be."



Rich Veenstra (left to right), Harry Theodore and Sylvia Layne in April 1993. All were all appointed to the Village Board within a year of one another.

Road Construction Coming Soon

Spring is here which brings road construction season.

Community Development will oversee many roadwork projects, including reconstructing the Village Hall Campus Parking Lot and Friendship Plaza.

Many improvements are planned to help improve public safety throughout the campus. All parking areas will be resurfaced including removal and replacement of curb and gutter, new sidewalks, drainage improvements, electrical upgrades, enhanced crosswalks, the re-alignment of Friendship Plaza and new landscaping.

In addition to improving public safety, these improvements will also help with the circulation of delivery, customer and employee vehicles as well as allowing pedestrians to access and freely walk to all buildings throughout the campus.

The project will be completed in two phases in order to minimize the impact on visitors and employees of Village Hall, the Police Department, District 88 and the Addison Public Library.

Phase 1 of the project, outlined in red on the attached illustration, was scheduled to begin in mid-March to be completed in early May. Phase 2, in yellow, takes place



from early May to mid-June. During this project, parking for all buildings will be impacted and limited.

The 2021 MFT Street Resurfacing and Sidewalk Maintenance Program will include the following streets: Kingery West; Stonemill Ave., west of 4th Ave.; Maple Court; Diversey Ave.; Natalie Lane, Palazzo Drive and Moreland Ave.; Mitchell Court.

Branch Pickup Schedule April through November

The Village of Addison offers seasonal branch pickup service to residents from April through November. Branch pickup will begin on the first Monday of each month, and finish by the end of the week, regardless of where you reside within the Village.

To qualify for the Branch Pickup Program, branches must be on the parkway the Sunday *before* the scheduled pickup week. The service dates are listed below.

Crews will pass down each street only one time, and only one collection will be made Village-wide per month.

2021 Branch Pickup Dates

April 5
May 3
June 7
July 5
August 2
September 7*
October 4
November 1

**Pick up day is delayed by one day (to Tuesday) due to the holiday.*

The requirements for Branch Pickup are as follows:

- Branches must be placed curbside on the parkway, not in the street, stacked in one direction, with the thicker ends facing the street. DO NOT cross stack branches.
- Branches are limited to 8 feet in length and 8 inches in diameter.
- Limbs larger than 8 inches in diameter must be cut into 16-inch log lengths and placed separate from the branches.
- Branches should not be tied with string, wire, etc.
- Branch piles containing root balls, lumber, metal, glass, yard waste or other debris, as well as large branch mound that have been multi-directionally cross stacked, will not be picked up.
- Branches should not be stacked in the alley or along private drives. These will not be picked up.
- No contractor cuttings will be picked up. Trees and branches cut by a privately contracted company, or individuals hired by the property owners do not qualify for the Branch Pickup Program, and must be properly disposed of by said private contractor, or other private service.
- Branch piles should not be placed on the parkway prior to or after the weekend prior to pick-up. All branches must be stored in the back yard until then.

Water Meter and Automated Reader System Replacement

The Village of Addison is finalizing plans for a complete water meter change out at all businesses and residences in Addison during 2021.

The current water meters are nearing the end of their life expectancy and will be replaced with a more innovative and technologically advanced water meter.



A private contractor will perform the removal and replacement of the water meters located inside of the residence or business. The Automatic Meter Reader (AMR) box located on the outside of the structure is also due for replacement.

More information will be announced as it becomes available.



History Book Receives State Award



Addison: The Vision Continues has received a 2020 Award of Merit for Printed Materials from the Illinois Association of Museums. The 128-page richly illustrated volume examines Addison's critical growth and development from 1985-2019.

It is available standalone or as part of a set with the reprint edition of *Addison: Village of Friendship*. For purchase information, please go to: AddisonAdvantage.org/visitors/history_2/addison_history_book_reprint.php

Elections, Elections, Elections



Municipal Elections are on April 6. There are contested races from Mayor to School, Park, Library, and Township boards.

Your voice is important. Your vote is critical in shaping the future of Addison. **Please vote.**