



Village President's Message—Vol. XXVII

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Ann Potter
Village President

Dear Fellow Residents.

As we ease into fall, I thought this would be a good time to give you an update on the Village's activities over the last few months.

As many of you are aware, in December the Village purchased the property at 604 Green Bay Road. Our motivation was two-fold. First and most importantly, ownership of the parcel would allow us to implement our long-term goal of realigning Sterling Road to provide a safer and more pedestrian friendly intersection at Sterling, Roger and Green Bay Roads. We have torn down the structure and put sod down. I think you'll agree the space already looks more inviting and attractive. You will see the newly realigned and safer intersection in place in the spring when the new construction season begins.

Our second reason in acquiring the site was to have the opportunity to be involved in discussions regarding development in that area. While there are no plans for development at this time, the Village's long term strategy is to retain ownership of the parcel so that it will have leverage and, in effect, a veto over any future development in that area. (If you would like more details about this infrastructure plan, please visit the Village's web site, www.kenilworthil.org.)

Speaking of infrastructure, we are beginning the second phase of our Kenilworth 2023 Program. While the first phase dealt with flooding issues north of Kenilworth Avenue and inadequate pressure at fire hydrants west of Green Bay, this next segment will focus on storm water management on the south side of Kenilworth Avenue and fire hydrants in our southwest quadrant. We've learned a number of lessons from our Phase 1 storm water experience and will be applying our additional knowledge to Phase 2 which should help things go more smoothly. As this is a multi-year process, you won't see "shovels in the ground" until the spring of 2020 but rest assured we are laying the groundwork now.

KW2023 Phase I receives ICMA Community Sustainability Award!



The International City/County Management Association has awarded the Village of Kenilworth the 2018 Community Sustainability award for the Kenilworth 2023 Infrastructure Improvement Plan! Thank you to all that made Phase I possible and now it is on to Phase II.

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Regarding improvements to our water mains and fire hydrants that work is expected to begin in the spring on Sterling Road and Greenwood Ave.

There's news from the lakefront as well. I've heard universal acclamation for our new beach amenities and we hope to expand on the improvements next season. Trustee Cecily Kaz, Heather Khalaf, Marcus Franklin of the Kenilworth Club and our Boy and Girl Scouts all lent their talents to ensuring that our three community beach evenings were a huge success. In the past, our Village has had a tendency to forget what a wonderful and unique resource our beach and lakefront are. We plan to expand on the amenities that were introduced this past season and will be soliciting our residents' thoughts on the future of our mothballed lakefront water plant. Please look for notification of a Committee of the Whole meeting where the Trustees will hear what our community would like Kenilworth's lakefront to look like in the future.

After several years of discussions, we have negotiated a lease agreement for the Kenilworth train station with the Union Pacific Rail Road. This is another Village asset that has been underutilized over the years. Once the lease is signed, you can expect to see a neater and cleaner station as the Village will take over the maintenance of the building. We will also be soliciting bids for a vendor to provide a simple food service for our morning commuters.

Village staff are also pursuing another agreement with the Union Pacific, which would give Kenilworth an easement so that the bike path can follow a safer, more obvious route through town which is more in line with the path in our neighboring communities.

Our water tank also requires evaluation. As many of you have noticed, the tank has significant mold and mildew on its exterior. While it has been regularly cleaned the time has come to recoat the surface. Cost estimates indicate that to recoat it would be about one-third of the cost of a new tank. The Board will have to determine whether it is wiser to incur this cost for a tank that was built in the 1970's and is perhaps, not adequate for our current needs or install a new tank.

The Board has also begun to investigate whether a Tax Increment Financing (TIF) District is appropriate for our village and would be worthwhile in spurring future development in our business district. While we are just in the beginning phase of this process, it does show some promise as a development tool. You should also see our first restaurant in town open up on Green Bay Road in the early spring.

Halloween 2018

As Halloween approaches, the Kenilworth Police Department would like to provide a few friendly reminders to ensure everyone has a safe and fun Halloween evening.

Halloween "Trick or Treating" in Kenilworth will take place on Wednesday, October 31st, from after school until dusk.

Halloween can indeed be scary when children or drivers are engaging in unsafe practices. Please take this opportunity to speak with your trick-or-treaters about being safe this Halloween and drivers in your household as well. The following safety tips are provided by the American Academy of Pediatrics, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Safety Council and the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Children should:

- Go only to well-lit houses and remain on the porches rather than entering houses.
- Travel in small groups and be accompanied by an adult.
- Bring treats home before eating them so parents can inspect them.
- Use flashlights, stay on sidewalks, and avoid crossing yards.
- Be reminded to look left, right, and left again before crossing the street.

Halloween driving "tricks" to keep everyone safe:

- Don't use a cell phone while driving through neighborhoods.
- Stay well below the posted speed limit.
- Be extra alert when pulling in and out of driveways
- Do not pass other vehicles that have stopped in the roadway. They could be dropping off children.
- If you're driving to a Halloween party, please put the mask on after you park your car.

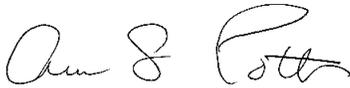
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There is also an update from Springfield. In this past legislative session, the General Assembly passed a bill that severely curtails local municipalities' regulatory authority over the placement of small cell antennae. The Village has updated its ordinances to limit the impact on our public green space but you may well see these antennae being installed. The Village has already received a request to install one on top of the traffic light pole at Kenilworth Avenue and Sheridan Road.

I am extremely proud of our Village staff and their effective management of our costs. We continue to operate with a small surplus which has allowed us to make additional contributions to our Police Pension Fund. Responsible fiscal management and pension fund contributions went a long way in securing our Village an Aaa rating in our last review, singling us out among our peers.

As always, so much of what makes our Village the special place it is and enables it to work so well is because of your neighbors who contribute their time and talent to our board and many commissions. When you see them, please take time to thank them for everything they do for our community.

Warmest Regards,



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