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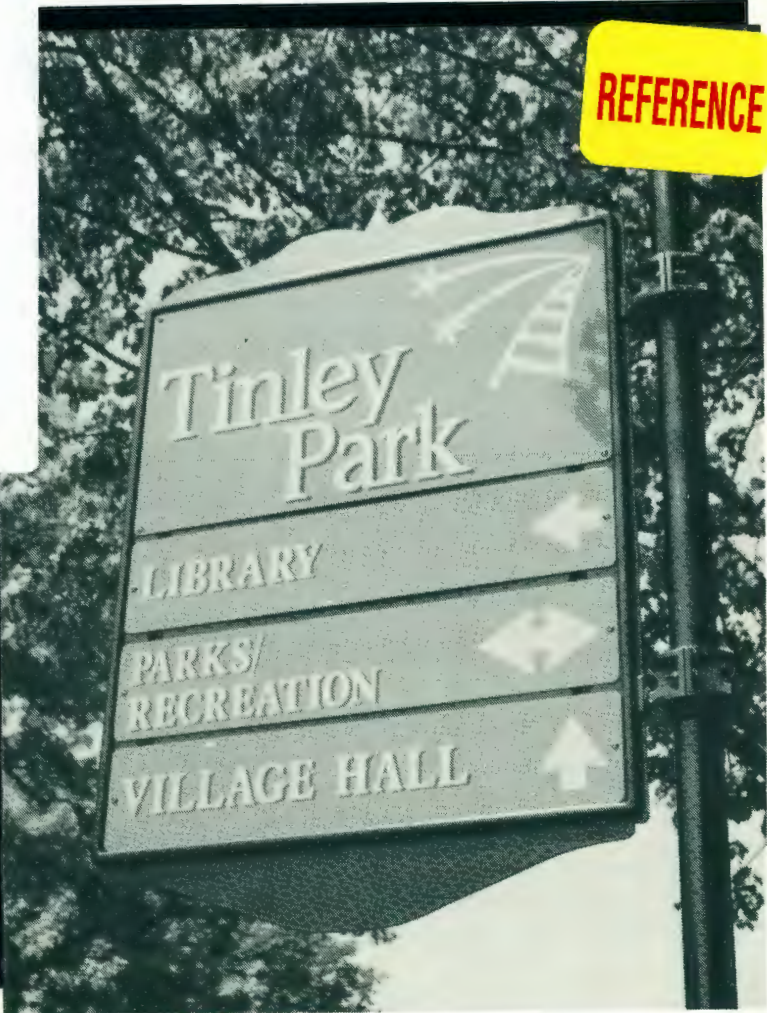
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Tinley Park is taking on a new look lately with the addition of decorative signs and landscaping as it continues to emerge as a hub of shopping, entertainment and business activity.

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*All Tinley Park residents are invited to attend a*

# **Halloween Party**

**and Sneak Preview of the  
Tinley Park Convention Center**



**Sunday, October 22, 2000 • 1-4 p.m.**

**at the Tinley Park Convention Center**

**183rd Street & Sayre Avenue**



- Costume Parade
- Free Games & Prizes
- Refreshments
- Give-Aways
- Trick or Treating
- Music
- Tours
- Door Prizes

***Special prizes for the first 500 guests dressed in costume***

For more information about this free event,  
call the Village Hall at 444-5000.



## *Message from the Mayor*

### **Village's 'new look' is taking shape**

*By Mayor Edward J. Zabrocki*

As we head into the last part of this landmark year of 2000, we are excited to be witnessing the evolving changes in the appearance of our village.

Some of these changes are quite simple, such as the addition of decorative hanging baskets on the light posts in our historic downtown and the helpful new signage which points motorists in the right direction to some of our public buildings or main attractions. They are relatively small changes, but they do a big job to enhance the aesthetics and ambiance of Tinley Park.

There are also larger projects changing the landscape of our village for the better. One is the new Convention Center, which is quickly approaching its grand opening. Watch for details in our local newspapers on when residents can take a look at the interior. We will be very proud to showcase the Convention Center, which is destined to have an enormously beneficial impact on economic growth throughout the entire area.

We are also looking forward to progress on our "Tinley Square" project, which will transform our downtown train station area into an inviting, park-like setting that residents and visitors are sure to admire and enjoy. Building renovations in that area and throughout our historic downtown have already spurred business and tourist growth that promises to continue. We are also studying planned improvements at the 80th Avenue train station.

Landscape beautification is taking place throughout our village. We have always required excellent landscaping plans for all new developments. We are also hoping to encourage residents to participate in this "greening" of Tinley Park with a new program being planned for next year offering trees at a reduced price through cooperation with a local nursery. This is a great opportunity to increase the tree population in our village, particularly in our newer areas.

As the year starts winding down, I would like to thank the Millennium Commission for planning nearly two years of activities which welcomed the new century. Its hard-working members donated numerous hours of their time and talents to make this a memorable time. Everyone enjoyed the various events and are grateful to those volunteers who made the turn of the century so special in our village.

This year, though, also brought a great loss to Tinley Park with the death of retired Fire Chief Ron Winterstein. Ron was a wonderful person and a devoted, professional fire chief who helped bring our department to the excellent level of service it provides today. His influence on the department was strong even after his retirement, as I am sure it will be felt always. Our continuing thoughts are with his wife, Deanne, who is our fire prevention secretary, his daughters, Donna Beran and Cynthia Palmer, and the entire family.

Please remember that our children are back to school and we need to continue exercising caution when driving. Speaking of our children, this year of a national election offers us the opportunity to talk to them about the importance of being a good citizen and the role government plays in all of our lives. It is never too early to start nurturing our future leaders.

It's also not too early to start planning for the annual Holiday Decorating Contest. Volunteers who would like to help judge this year's displays may call Judy Bruning at 444-5000.

And please remember as the holiday season approaches to **SHOP TINLEY!**



# *Village Trustee Reports*

## **Fire academy ensures trained pros**

*By Trustee Matthew Heffernan*

We are blessed to have one of the best volunteer fire departments in the state, due in part to the expert training our new recruits receive at the Third District Fire Academy.

I would like to welcome to our department new firefighters Ken Burrow, Brian Johnson, Scott Mattison, Shawn Richards and Chris Stube, who graduated from the academy in March, and Jeff Carroll and Todd Rabideau, who graduated in July. Your dedication and commitment to the firefighting profession is appreciated by all Tinley Park residents who know that their families and property are protected by well-trained professionals.



The training regimen is tough. Recruits spend two nights a week for six months training at the academy in addition to accompanying our department on fire calls and attending training drills held by our department.

It is a demanding job, but very rewarding. Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer firefighter is welcome to call the Fire Department at 444-5200. We are particularly encouraging residents on the south side of the village to consider volunteering to enhance our coverage of that booming area of town.

Another group of involved residents which I would like to commend is our Seniors and Law Enforcement Together program, which was named Organization of the Year by the Illinois Crime Prevention Association. S.A.L.T., which works closely with the Crime Prevention Unit of our Police Department, volunteers in many capacities to help make Tinley Park the safe village that it is. As Public Safety Committee chairman, I am very proud of all the volunteers and employees of our Fire and Police Departments and Emergency Services and Disaster Agency who strive to maintain the excellent quality of life we enjoy in our village.

I also serve as liaison trustee to the Sister Cities Commission, and what a year it has been for that group! The commission, along with other residents, celebrated the tenth anniversary of our Sister City relationship with Büdingen, Germany, with a June trip to that town. As always, old friendships were renewed and new ones were made. In this era of instant but impersonal communication via the worldwide web, it is wonderful to have this one-on-one opportunity to exchange ideas and friendship through our Sister City program. The benefits we receive as a village and as human beings are enormous.

Our Millennium Commission is winding down its two years of activities marking the turn of the century. It has done a great job bringing the community together to celebrate this unique moment in history. Many thanks to commission chairman Al Siegers and his group of imaginative and enthusiastic volunteers.

Remember to visit this year's upcoming Oktoberfest. It promises to be another fun and successful event.

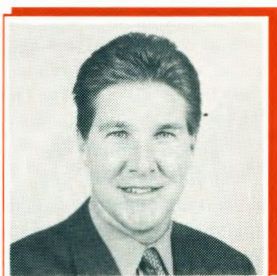


# Safer streets is aim of projects

*By Trustee Michael H. Bettenhausen*

With the safety of children and other pedestrians and motorists in mind, two projects on 175th Street west of 80th Avenue are expected to begin by spring at the latest.

Both improvements will be done in areas where children abound--near Volunteer Park and just west of Prairie View School at 88th Avenue. While we have not experienced any serious accidents at the two locations, studies have shown that the improvements will make the street even safer.



The curve near Volunteer Park will be eliminated and straightened, creating a clearer crosswalk for pedestrians entering and leaving the park and improving visibility for motorists. A large number of children use the park, and their safety on our streets is always a major concern.

Many children also cross 175th at 88th Avenue going to and from McCauliffe and Prairie View Schools. A hill in the road between 88th and Prairie View makes it a little more difficult for both motorists and pedestrians to see each other than we would like. That hill will be lowered in another street project aimed at improved safety. Both projects will make 175th Street more pedestrian- and motorist-friendly, and we look forward to a safer street.

Other streets in town have also been improved with better resurfacing through this year's \$1.3 million motor fuel tax program, funded with tax revenue that the state returns to our village. We are also in the midst of a program which determines the condition and needs of all our streets through a computerized analysis of their surfaces. The computer equipment, attached to a vehicle which drove all our streets in spring, is able to analyze the street's condition below what is visually apparent. This computer history of our streets will help us better to determine which roads are in greatest need of repair.

As chairman of the Village Board's Public Works Committee, I am pleased to watch the construction of our new five million gallon water tank at 183<sup>rd</sup> and Ridgeland. Our latest tank, funded with help from Mokena and New Lenox, will ensure that our growing community has a plentiful water supply at all times. We have seen our need for water reserves grow along with our population. The tank should be completed this month.

We have gotten through a rainy spring and summer and have seen the good results of continuing flood mitigation projects we have undertaken over the past few years. The construction of Pond G at 80th Avenue and 171st was slowed because of the wet weather, but that detention area will also benefit our village once completed.

Enjoy our fall weather and the rest of the year 2000!

# Fiscal year 2001 budget highlights

*By Trustee Brian S. Maher*

On March 28, the Tinley Park Village Board, village manager, assistant manager, treasurer and clerk convened on an all-day budget review for the 2001 fiscal year (May 1, 2000-April 30, 2001). This review was the culmination of months of hard work on the part of these individuals and the village department heads and their staffs.

At this session, each department budget request along with the manager's and Village Board committee's recommendations were considered, discussed and finalized. As a result the fiscal year 2001 budget was adopted at the April 18 Village Board meeting.



The finalized budget reflects an 8% increase over last year's budget while revenues are projected to grow by approximately 10%. The total budget as approved is just under \$19.5 million dollars while revenues are anticipated to amount to approximately \$20.5 million. Highlights of the 2001 fiscal year budget include the following approved items:

## **Capital Items**

- Ambulance contract increased from 2.5 ambulances 24 hours per day to 4 ambulances 24 hours per day
- 17 police squad cars to be replaced
- Aerial lift truck to be replaced
- Sewer jet truck to be purchased
- Street sweeper to be replaced
- New vehicles for ESDA, Planning Department, Building Department and Road & Bridge Department
- New handicap accessible Senior Services bus
- New Communications Center base station radio
- New computers for the Police, Building and Planning Departments

## **Personnel Items**

- Police dispatch telecommunicator added
- Full time police tactical officer added
- Police department accreditation process to be undertaken
- Laborer added
- Clerk/typist added
- Fire prevention inspector added

The increase in ambulance coverage will assure continued prompt response times to medical emergencies of the citizens of our expanding village. Most of the capital additions will replace equipment and vehicles which have exceeded their economic lives. The addition of a new village bus will enable us to improve the quality of life for our senior citizens who depend on public transportation in their daily lives. Personnel additions will help the village maintain its impressive record of service to its citizens.

The accreditation process will help insure that our Police Department dispatches its duties in the most efficient and responsive manner. At the completion of the process, our Police Department will be one of approximately 600 departments nationwide which can claim this distinction. We believe the accreditation process is vital to providing our citizens with optimal service in this critical area.

Despite the substantial additions in capital items and personnel in virtually all areas of village operation, difficult decisions had to be made in order to stay within the Village Board's self-imposed tax cap. Your Village Board is committed to spending your tax dollars in an effective, judicious manner. In fact, less than 60% of the requested increases in capital and personnel were approved.

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Many of these requests involved new technological systems which have been introduced in other municipalities in recent years. The board will continue to assess the performance of these systems and industry trends to determine whether they are appropriate for our use and implementation. We will also continue to assess village staffing in all departments adding employees when and where the needs are most critical.

## Patronize Oktoberfest

Within the fiscal year 2001 budget, there are limited funds earmarked for various celebrations and social events. However, you will not find one dime designated for Oktoberfest. This is because Oktoberfest is totally self-sufficient. This year is the 21st annual event which has evolved into the premier community festival in the Chicagoland area. Some 27 community groups participate in and benefit from Oktoberfest. Please make plans to visit Oktoberfest this year. You'll have a great time and the money you spend will help these organizations which are an integral part of the quality of life we all enjoy as citizens of Tinley Park.

## Busy time for village planners

*By Trustee David G. Seaman*

Summer is behind us, kids are back to school and there are all sorts of subtle hints that fall is upon us – colors are beginning to change and it is time to plan for the holidays.

The Planning and Transportation Committee of the Board has had a busy summer. Most recently, a commitment in principal was reached with Metra for a rail crossing at 183rd Street and about 84th Avenue. This has been an essential element of the transportation network necessary for the extension of 183rd west of LaGrange Road. Not only will this serve the growing number of businesses that are populating the I-80 corridor, but also the growing number of residents in that area seeking better ways to get around town. Better east-west routes to move our residents to the planned growth of businesses from Oak Park Avenue to LaGrange Road will help not only to retain businesses, but also to help diversify the retail base making "Shop Tinley" possible.



Village commitment to planning and revitalization is ongoing – whether it be the redevelopment of Oak Park Avenue or the "freshening" of auto dealerships throughout the village. Oak Park Avenue redevelopment initiated through an intermodal transportation study (the Camiros Plan) will be taken to the next level. The Planning and Transportation and Finance and Economic Development Committees will jointly meet with the volunteer commissions involved (Long Range Planning, Historic Preservation and Main Street) and other interested parties to more fully review opportunities on Oak Park Avenue. Special challenges include options surrounding the redevelopment of the Central Junior High School site and the ultimate definition of the Historic District Zoning District.

The LaGrange Road Corridor is receiving special attention as new developments are presented – building quality and character plus landscaping are essential in this very visible, highly trafficked part of the village. Diverse retail and service offerings are being sought to fill voids presently existing and it is our objective to see those built by enhancing - not compromise - of regional standards. A strong health care service corridor is anticipated as well as several major food retail stores, filling a growing demand generated by the growth of residents in the village.

As always, volunteer input – from the commission structure to the residents most directly impacted – will continue to guide us as these developments occur. Your input is important!

# Building permits reflect rising population, value of property

By Trustee Gregory J. Hannon

As any resident of the village can attest to, Tinley Park is growing at an alarming rate. This fact was recently confirmed in a recent *Chicago Tribune* article that cited Tinley Park as the sixth fastest growing community in the region.

It is estimated that the 2000 census will show that the village's population has now surpassed 50,000. This should come as no surprise due to the ongoing construction in new subdivisions west of 80th Avenue and in Will County. In addition, a new townhome development is under construction at 183rd Street and Oak Park Avenue adjacent to the Convention Center site. While the ongoing population growth is directly related to the number of building permits issued, another key indicator connected to building permits is the increased value being added to the community.



Provided below is a summary of the building permits issued by the village as of August 31. Please note the total value of construction for each type of permit issued.

| <u>Type of Permit</u>     | <u># of Permits</u> | <u>Construction Value</u> |
|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Single-Family             | 170                 | \$30,832,912              |
| Multi-Family              | 259                 | 28,917,623                |
| New Commercial            | 12                  | 18,766,000                |
| Remodeled Commercial      | 54                  | 7,372,910                 |
| New Industrial            | 1                   | 2,000,000                 |
| Remodeled Industrial      | 2                   | 58,000                    |
| Miscellaneous Residential | 853                 | 4,788,985                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>              | <b>1351</b>         | <b>\$92,736,430</b>       |

The value of new construction helps to increase property values in Tinley Park and enables the village to maintain and improve its services to the community. Furthermore, it helps to keep your individual taxes lower by increasing the overall tax base of the community.

Please note the significant number of permits issued for miscellaneous residential projects. This type of permit refers to sheds, decks, fences and other household projects that are often done by residents or small contractors. It is important that permits are issued for these jobs to ensure that they are done properly and correctly. For more information on the permit process for home improvement projects, please refer to the article included in this issue.

I encourage you to contact the Building Department or myself with any questions or concerns regarding building projects in the community. I feel that it is important for each resident to be aware of the changing community around them and will make sure that your concerns will be addressed.



# Unprecedented growth in 2000

*By Trustee Patrick E. Rea*

The summer of 2000 continues to be one of unprecedented growth in our village. The Convention Center is virtually completed and the grand opening will occur within the next 60 days; the Millennium Holiday Inn is running about 30 days behind that. Both facilities will be opened and fully operational by Thanksgiving.

While much has been said about the Convention Center, a vast amount of other projects are also proceeding toward completion. Included in those projects are:



- Advocate Medical Health Care has announced plans for a 75,000 sq. ft. ambulatory/surgical/diagnostic center located at 183rd west of LaGrange Road. Advocate has plans for future expansion at a later date.
- Culver's Frozen Custard has announced plans for an upscale restaurant and ice cream parlor at 183rd and Sayre Avenue.
- Laurel Motors recently held its grand opening for the newest Audi dealership. This state-of-the-art facility is the prototype design for all future Audi dealerships. Soon to join this dealership will be Laurel Volvo and Jaguar in the fall of 2000.
- J.W. Hollstein's Saloon north of the railroad tracks on Oak Park Avenue. This historic facility dates back to the turn of the century.

This past summer the Village of Tinley Park constructed a recognition plaza for the thousands of volunteers who helped make our community great. This digital history can be viewed at any time at its site just north of the Village Hall.

Other proposed projects include:

- A new Oak Park Avenue train station with a pedestrian park and significant landscaping.
- A proposed municipal golf course at 167th and Harlem Avenue.
- Facade improvements to historic Teehan's Irish Pub.
- Facade improvement for the dental facility at 17037 S. Oak Park Avenue.
- Total renovation of Carey's Auto Sales.
- A revitalized website for the Village of Tinley Park for improved customer service viewed at [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org).

In addition to the projects underway and those being proposed, DeVry University Center had its grand opening on September 20. This campus joins St. Xavier College in bringing higher education opportunities to the village. Employment in the 21st Century will be dependent on technological training and knowledge. It's important for those of us in village government to plan as much as possible to bring this kind of industry to our village and work cooperatively with education at every level to assure our citizens can succeed in the new economy.

In addition to working directly with the economic activities of our village, it is my pleasure to have Village Board oversight with our Veterans Commission. This year and for the next 2 years we will be recognizing the 50th anniversary of the Korean War. As with the recognition of the 50th anniversary of World War II, we in Tinley Park, through our Veterans Commission, have planned a number of events to recognize and honor those veterans and their families. I hope that each of you will join in extending the hand of congratulations to those who served in Korea.

## Plaza honoring volunteers unveiled

A special plaza on the grounds of the Village Hall has been created to honor volunteers who help make Tinley Park a better place to live.

"We are enormously grateful to these people who unselfishly give of their own time to make our village the best that it can be," said Mayor Ed Zabrocki.

The plaza includes a bench with a plaque naming the "Volunteer Recognition Plaza" and a kiosk outfitted with a computer which provides information at the touch of a finger on the various volunteer commissions and their members. The computer program was designed by village employee Steve Clemmer.

Village Trustee Patrick Rea said at plaza dedication ceremonies that volunteers have not only provided the village with invaluable expertise, but also have saved residents millions of dollars by donating numerous hours of uncompensated time over the years.



*Village Clerk Frank German (left) and Mayor Ed Zabrocki cut a ribbon unveiling the Volunteer Recognition Plaza's dedication plaque.*



*Trustee Patrick Rea discusses the benefits volunteers bring to Tinley Park while (rear, from left) Village Clerk Frank German, Mayor Ed Zabrocki, and Trustees Dave Seaman, Greg Hannon and Matt Heffernan listen.*





*Steve Clemmer (right), who designed the computer system at the plaza which provides information on the volunteer commissions, shows Mayor Ed Zabrocki how the touch of a finger activates the system while Trustee Dave Seaman watches.*



*Flags at the plaza fly at half-staff to honor the late John Casey, a member of the Veterans Commission for more than 25 years.*

## **Commission chairman receives award**

Longtime village volunteer and Long Range Plan Commission chairman Ron Bruning has received the Sheriff's Medal of Honor Award from Cook County Sheriff Michael Sheahan.

Bruning was given the award for outstanding volunteer service in donating his time and talent to the Village of Tinley Park. In addition to his work on the commission, he has been involved in numerous activities benefitting the village for several years.

"Ron is an excellent example of a truly committed volunteer who deserves this award very much," said Mayor Ed Zabrocki.

# *Fire Department News*

## **Fire Prevention Week is October 8-14**

*By Fire Chief Ken Dunn*

This year, Fire Prevention Week marks the anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire of October 9, 1871. The blaze, which lasted several days, claimed more than 250 lives and destroyed 17,430 structures.

Since 1998, the National Fire Protection Association's theme for Fire Prevention Week has been "Fire Drills: The Great Escape." The campaign encourages people to develop home fire escape plans and, most important, to practice them. Last year, more than half a million households participated in the second annual Unified North American Fire Drill.

Once again this year, the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department in cooperation with the Third District Fire Departments and the NFPA is spearheading a campaign to encourage community-wide fire drills throughout the month of October. The Great Escape Fire Drill will officially take place on Wednesday, October 11, at 7 p.m.

Like last year, NFPA is holding two grand prize contests for all "The Great Escape" fire drill participants. One contest is for the general public and the other is for immediate family members of the fire service. The winner of each contest will receive a "great escape" vacation for four to Walt Disney World in Orlando, FL, valued at \$10,000.

"The Great Escape" official planning grid and entry form are available to the public through NFPA's web sites ([www.nfpa.org](http://www.nfpa.org) and [www.sparky.org](http://www.sparky.org)), or can be picked up at the Tinley Park Bureau of Fire Prevention, 17355 S. 68th Court, during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

The more often children take part in home exit drills, the better they will be prepared for a real emergency. Draw a floor plan of your home, marking two ways out (including windows) of every room. Discuss the escape routes with every member of your household.

Pick an outdoor meeting place, preferably in front of your home, and tell everyone to meet there after they've escaped so you can count heads and tell the Fire Department if anyone's trapped inside. In a real fire, once out, stay out! Never go back into the building for anything until the firefighters say it's safe.

Hold a home fire drill twice a year. Make it realistic. Pretend that some escape routes are blocked by smoke or fire and practice using alternative exits. Make a home escape plan ... and practice it!

### **Candle fires in the home**

Since the early 1990s, sales of candles have increased by 10 to 15 percent per year. Growth has doubled in recent years.

The percentage of home fires started by candles nearly tripled between the early 1980s and 1997. There are more than 200 commercial, religious and institutional manufacturers of candles in the United States, and a typical manufacturer offers between 1,000 and 2,000 varieties of candles. The National Candle Association reports that candles are used in seven out of ten households in this country and that most candles are bought around the Christmas holiday.

Between 1993 and 1997, an average of 8,690 home fires started by candles were reported to public fire departments each year. These fires caused an annual average of 104 deaths, 948 injuries and an estimated property loss of \$126.0 million dollars. Just as December is the peak month for purchasing candles, it's also the peak month for home candle fires with twice the average number of these incidents.



**Use candles safely:** Remember, a candle is an open flame. It can easily ignite any combustibles nearby. Follow these tips when using candles:

- Extinguish all candles when leaving the room or going to sleep.
- Keep candles away from items that can catch fire.
- Make sure candles are placed on a secure piece of furniture in sturdy holders that won't tip over. Holders should be made from material that can't burn.
- Make sure the candle holder is big enough to collect dripping wax.
- Don't place lit candles in windows where blinds and curtains can close over them.
- Do not use candles in places where they could be knocked over by children or pets.
- Keep candles and all open flames away from flammable liquids.

**Where young children are present:**

- Keep candles up high out of reach of children.
- Never leave a child unattended in a room with a candle.
- A child should not sleep in a room with a lit candle.
- Keep all matches and lighters up high and out of reach of children, preferably in a locked cabinet.



## Late chief improved and inspired volunteer fire department

The professionalism displayed every day by Tinley Park's Volunteer Fire Department is due in large part to the work of the late Retired Fire Chief Ron Winterstein, who died in June.

"The thirty years of service Ron gave to the Fire Department made a lasting impression that will continue to be appreciated for many years to come," said Mayor Ed Zabrocki. "He was a wonderful man, devoted to his family, friends and the Village of Tinley Park. We will miss him."

Chief Winterstein was instrumental in developing the department's state-of-the-art training programs and incident command system. He joined the department in 1966, achieving engineer status in 1967 and lieutenant and then captain rank in 1969. In 1974, he was promoted to assistant fire chief, then voted fire chief in 1993. Because of health reasons, Chief Winterstein retired in 1996.

Last year, the apparatus bay at the newly-opened Fire Station 4 was dedicated to Chief Winterstein.

"The members of the department wish to thank Ron for his thirty years of service, the support, guidance and expertise that he has given us and the roll that he played in making the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department one of the best in the state," firefighters wrote in the dedication ceremony program.





*Mayor Ed Zabrocki (right) and Fire Chief Ken Dunn present Tinley Park resident Helen Duginski with a plaque honoring her for her quick action during a fire in her condominium complex. She alerted her neighbors, who were all able to leave the building safely.*



## Tips for a safe Halloween

The Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department has provided the following tips to celebrate a safe Halloween.

- Costumes should be light-colored, preferably fluorescent or with reflective tape attached.
- When selecting costumes, masks, wigs or beards, be sure they are made of flame retardant (check on the label).
- When making costumes, avoid the use of flimsy materials such as lightweight cotton fabrics. Cotton sheets and pillow cases are easily ignited.
- Whether purchased or homemade, avoid outfits with loose, baggy sleeves or billowing skirts. Keep hemlines short enough to prevent tripping.
- Avoid face masks that obstruct vision or breathing. A natural mask of cosmetics applied directly to the skin is the safest.
- Use battery-powered lights, never candles, to light jack-o-lanterns.
- Stay well away from any open flame, especially bonfires outdoors and fireplaces indoors.
- Watch for obstacles that present a hazard when you cross yards, such as garden tools, hoses, portable sprinklers, etc.
- Decorations are also a potential hazard. Be extremely careful with tinder-dry corn stalks and other harvest season items. Keep them away from sources of heat and don't put them where they could block doors or stairs.
- Always be sure that parents check candy before children enjoy their holiday treats.





# Fire Dept. seeks more volunteers

*A message to prospective firefighters from the Volunteer Fire Department:*

Firefighters are that person who lives next door. They never got over the excitement of engines and sirens and smoke and danger.



They are people like you and me, with failings, worries and unfulfilled dreams. Yet they stand taller than most of us.

They are firefighters. They put it all on the line when the bell rings. A firefighter is at once, the most fortunate and the least fortunate of people.

They are people who save lives because they have seen too much death. They are gentle people because they have seen the awesome power of violent forces out of control.

They are responsive to children's laughter because their arms have held too many small bodies that will never laugh again.

They are people who appreciate the simpler pleasures of life... hot coffee held in numbed, unbending fingers... the flush of fresh air pumping through smoke-and-fire-convulsed lungs... a warm bed for bone and muscle compelled beyond feeling... the camaraderie of brave firefighters... the divine peace of selfless service and a job well done.

They don't wear buttons, wave banners or shout obscenities. When they march, it is to honor a fallen comrade.

*Interested in finding out more about becoming a firefighter with the Tinley Park Volunteer Fire Department? Call 444-5200 during regular business hours.*



## ESDA prepared for emergencies

You may recall a hazardous waste incident that happened on the north side of Chicago this summer. Due to the vapors at this incident, homes had to be evacuated in a radius of one mile. The relocation of these homeowners could have been a disaster in itself had that town not have been prepared for such a movement.

Part of the role of the Tinley Park Emergency Services and Disaster Agency is assuring that the village has a solid plan for such an event as this. ESDA members go through ongoing training for all types of disasters. This could be a hazardous waste incident on the interstate or the rail systems that run through the village. Or, something that Tinley Park has experienced in the past would be flooding, power outages and windstorm damage.

Should there be a need for temporary shelter due to a misfortune in town, Tinley Park has many designated locations available for use. You may have even seen a few of these listed on the local cable channel 15. If shelter is needed due to extreme weather conditions or a power outage, the Village Hall, police station and public safety building is immediately available. If long term shelter was necessary, ESDA has resources available.

ESDA members are specially trained in shelter management. They would staff the shelters and assist citizens. Rest assured that if you should need your village's assistance in time of disaster, we are prepared.

We would also like to congratulate Steve Clemmer, ESDA deputy assistant coordinator, for 20 years of outstanding volunteer services. Steve has given the citizens of Tinley Park thousands of volunteer hours throughout the years. He plays a major role in Tinley Park's emergency management and we sincerely thank him for the past 20 years and look forward to many more.

*— Nancy Nolan, ESDA public information officer*



# WORLD'S LARGEST TENT PARTY!

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- EASY ACCESS - PLENTY OF PARKING
- HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE
- NO MUD OR GRAVEL ON MIDWAYS

## Food, Food & More Food!

- HUGE FOOD TENT WITH SEATING
- INSIDE/OUTSIDE SEATING W/ENTERTAINMENT
- NEW! ELITE MAGAZINE COFFEE TENT

## Entertainment

- 4 STAGES OF CONTINUOUS ENTERTAINMENT
- ACOUSTIC ENTERTAINMENT IN COFFEE TENT
- ROAMING ENTERTAINERS ON MIDWAY
- MILLER BEER SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

## Business Tent

- LOCAL, NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS PARTICIPATION

## Millennium Car Show

- OVER 200 CARS, TRUCKS & SPECIAL VEHICLES  
SATURDAY 12 NOON - 5 PM (rain date Sunday)

## Admission

- \$5; CHILDREN UNDER 13 FREE W/ADULT
- **FREE ON-SITE PARKING ALL 4 DAYS!**

## Fest Hours

- THURSDAY-FRIDAY 6 PM - Midnight
- SATURDAY Noon - Midnight
- SUNDAY 10 AM - 8 PM

## Huge Oktoberfest Parade

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7TH - 10 AM**  
**South on Oak Park Ave. 167th to 177th**

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# TINLEY PARK'S 21<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL OKTOBERFEST

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**OCTOBER 5-8, 2000**



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SUNDAY**



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**ALL FOUR DAYS OF FEST!**

## FREE ENTERTAINMENT Music Tent

|            |       |                                     |
|------------|-------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>THU</b> | 6:00  | PENNY & THE LOAFERS (rock)          |
|            | 7:00  | THE UPRIGHTS (rock)                 |
|            | 9:00  | THE KINGSNAKES (blues)              |
| <b>FRI</b> | 7:00  | BROTHERS IN ARMS (rock)             |
|            | 8:00  | BACKSTREET (rock)                   |
| <b>SAT</b> | 12:00 | JIMMY & THE BAVARIANS (German)      |
|            | 2:00  | GAMEMASTERS (games, prizes & more)  |
|            | 3:30  | ST. JUPITER (rock, blues)           |
|            | 5:00  | WORKING CLASS (country)             |
|            | 7:00  | TAK-A-BITE (rock)                   |
|            | 9:00  | FIVE GUYS NAMED MOE (rock)          |
| <b>SUN</b> | 12:00 | THE STINGRAYS (rock, oldies, swing) |
|            | 2:00  | BANJO BUDDIES (Dixieland)           |
|            | 4:00  | KIERAN CONWAY (comedy, rock & more) |
|            | 6:00  | THE BUCKINGHAMS (rock)              |

## Food Tent

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| <b>THU</b> | 7:00 | BANJO BUDDIES (Dixieland)          |
| <b>FRI</b> | 7:00 | THE NEXT STEP (musical trio)       |
| <b>SAT</b> | 1:00 | COSTUME CHARACTERS (for kids)      |
|            | 3:00 | DANCIN' FEET                       |
|            | 4:00 | ALADDIN (magic show)               |
|            | 5:30 | TRISTEN (15 yr. old vocal prodigy) |
|            | 8:00 | DIETEL & DEVLIN (acoustic music)   |
| <b>SUN</b> | 1:00 | HOBOS BROS. SAW'D OFF CIRCUS       |
|            | 4:00 | BLUES BROTHERS SHOW (blues, rock)  |

## On the Midway & Plaza

- MR. D'S MAGIC SHOW
- ALLADIN ON STILTS • HOBOS BALLOONING
- KID'S PETTING ZOO - FUN FOR ALL AGES
- ROAMING COSTUME CHARACTERS
- KACHUNGA & THE ALLIGATOR SHOW
- LASER VIDEO DANCE SHOW - MUSIC BY REQUEST
- CAR BASHING

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**"BRACELET DAYS"**

**THURS 6-12 • SAT 12-6 • SUN 10-4**



# OKTOBERFEST

## 21-years-old: *Time to Celebrate!*

Tinley Park's Oktoberfest 2000 is celebrating its 21st year October 5 through 8 by making changes. What's new this year?

- FREE PARKING
- New tents
- Coffee House tent
- More one price "Bracelet Days"
- New entertainment stages
- Laser Video DJ
- Kid's Petting Zoo
- "Bite of Oktoberfest" \$1 food samples

We did not change everything. We kept what makes Tinley Park's Oktoberfest great!

- One low admission price for the whole day.
- Continuous entertainment during the fest.
- A huge carnival.
- 200-vehicle "Millennium Car Show" Saturday.
- Food vendors with inside seating.
- Oak Park Avenue Parade Saturday morning.
- Fireworks Sunday night.

You can enjoy part of Oktoberfest free, right on Oak Park Avenue. Tinley Park's Oktoberfest parade is back again this year. The parade will start at 10 a.m. October 6 at 167th Street and march south on Oak Park Avenue to 177th Street. Bring your lawn chairs and blankets and enjoy the biggest parade of the year, no charge, in the heart of the Tinley Park historic district.

Tinley Park's Oktoberfest volunteers do all this. Thirty-seven committees (more than 110 volunteers) meet nine months of the year to produce Oktoberfest. Once a year, Tinley Park's Oktoberfest assembles the equivalent of a small town for our four-day celebration. Then, we take it down and put it away until next year.

Who benefits from all this work? You do. Oktoberfest is the major fundraiser for about 25 not-for-profit organizations serving the Tinley Park area. Participating organizations in 1999 earned over \$50,000 for their efforts. They use that money to make Tinley Park a better place to live and raise a family. These organizations cannot lose money by their participation; Oktoberfest assumes all the risk.



We compensate the Village of Tinley Park for the cost of services it provides, including police and water. The taxpayers of Tinley Park do not underwrite this event.

Oktoberfest has never been a better value. Join us again for the "Best Fest Yet." The dates are October 5, 6, 7 and 8. You make the fest a success and that makes Tinley Park a better village. Thanks and see you at Tinley Park's Oktoberfest! Oh, and don't forget ... FREE PARKING!

— Al Siegers, President, Tinley Park's Oktoberfest, Inc.

# *Police Department Update*

## **Property crime has impact on community**

*By Police Chief Mike O'Connell*

In 1999, Tinley Park police received hundreds of reports of thefts of personal property. Retail theft, motor vehicle theft and thefts of personal property pretty much cover the most popular complaints reported. However, of the personal property thefts, the vast majority occurred as thefts from vehicles.

Although we enjoy a community of alert neighbors and a strong crime prevention program to help minimize the incidence of theft, many of us place ourselves and our property in vulnerable situations because we are lulled by our low rate of crime and the perception, "It won't happen to me." For this reason, I am asking you to make the extra efforts it takes to minimize being a theft victim.

On many occasions, day and night, we leave our car doors unlocked, car windows open or leave some valuable piece of property out where it becomes an invitation to someone to steal it. Our objects of theft vary from bicycles, barbecue grills and lawn furniture to radar detectors and CDs. And, although not everything can be nailed down, locked up or kept out of sight, many objects can. It is concerning these items we must make the extra effort. Many thefts from vehicles occur from cars which are simply unlocked along the street or sidewalk waiting to be pilfered. Very few reports of forcible entry burglaries/thefts are taken. Therefore, a simple turn of the key can have an effect on our rate of thefts and the safety of your and your neighbors' property.

I ask that you make this extra effort and also encourage your neighbors to do so, too. Please let someone know if you observe his/her property vulnerable to a thief and, most importantly, please call the police if you observe suspicious behavior or someone in the neighborhood or parking lot who does not belong there. Police have found that one individual can be responsible for numerous thefts or burglaries. Therefore, the apprehension of even one or two individuals can have a drastic effect on thefts as well as solving previously reported crimes.

Additionally, and although to some it may not seem important, I ask that all thefts, no matter how insignificant, be reported. Our ability to determine patterns of activity and times of offenses is important and, by you reporting an incident, it serves to assist in how to better utilize our resources in combatting this problem.

For further crime prevention tips and information on our Neighborhood Watch Program, contact our Crime Prevention Bureau at 444-5306.



## **Code of ordinances available online**

Tinley Park's Code of Ordinances will soon be available for review on the village's website at [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org).

The Code of Ordinances, or Municipal Code, is the collection of local rules and regulations that have been adopted by the Village Board. The current collection includes all ordinances that are in effect and passed by the board through January 1, 2000.

The Municipal Code is updated annually to include new ordinances passed during the year. Ordinances adopted after January 2000 will not be available on the web until the next update of the code.

A search engine for the Municipal Code will allow users to find the appropriate information they seek and be able to print out only the information they need.



## Projects lure business, residents

Continued economic and residential growth in Tinley Park points to a bright future for the village, speakers at the Industrial Commercial Commission's annual business outlook meeting agreed.



*Attending the Industrial Commercial Commission's annual business outlook meeting are (from left) Trustee Patrick Rea, State Rep. Renee Kosel, Mayor Ed Zabrocki and Commission Chairman Dick Post.*

Efforts by the village to enhance the quality of life for both businesses and residents will continue that growth well into the future, Mayor Ed Zabrocki told representatives of local businesses and organizations.

"In the year 2020, the Village of Tinley Park will be a world class community with small town charm," he said. "Our successful projects have made the village a destination point for business, for living and for entertainment."

Zabrocki said that within the past year, numerous projects benefitting the village came to fruition, including:

- State Sen. William Mahar, in conjunction with village officials, structured a \$21 million funding package to extend 183rd Street and 191st Street from Harlem Avenue to Wolf Road. These projects will be funded through Gov. George Ryan's "Illinois First" program.
- The village was awarded a \$289,000 grant through the Illinois Transportation Enhance Program funding the construction of the proposed Tinley Square Streetscape Improvement Project to beautify the downtown area, including landscaping, a fountain, brick pavers and a clock tower.
- Fire Station 4 opened, ensuring maximum protection of lives and property throughout the village.

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- The village acquired 52 acres of land from the state, bounded by 80th Avenue and 183rd Street, likely to be used for purposes such as expansion of Metra parking, parks and other public uses.
- Retail sales and sales taxes achieved a record high last year, representing a 12.8 percent increase over 1998 and 61.3 percent increase over the previous five years.
- The year began with 1,117,500 square feet of new commercial, office and industrial space under construction.

Trustee Patrick Rea, chairman of the Village Board's Finance and Economic Development Committee, pointed out that the village must continue efforts to attract and retain younger residents to bolster a local work force. Plans are underway to make landscaping improvements to the business and residential areas, making them more attractive, as well as enhancing recreational facilities. This should help strengthen the quantity of skilled younger workers, he said.

"They want to have a capacity to thoroughly enjoy their few hours at home," he said.

Major projects outlined in Tinley Park's master plan, which guides the development and redevelopment of the village, include: historic district redevelopment, expand the bike and pedestrian system, major park acquisition, major park development, landscape commercial areas, keep village taxes low, stabilize and enhance existing neighborhoods, develop lakes, trails and recreational opportunities in the forest preserve, and develop community recreation facilities.

The village also hosted a meeting for Tinley Park businesses located in the I-80 Corridor, where the village's new Convention Center, redevelopment of Oak Park Avenue and vision for the corridor was discussed with business leaders and village officials.



## House projects may need permits

Now that the home improvement project season is beginning to wind down, it is never too early to begin thinking about next year's projects.

When considering your plans, it is recommended that you call the Building Department at 444-5100 to determine if a permit is necessary. Permits are generally required for sheds, pools, fences, concrete work, garages, demolition work, electric service upgrades, central air conditioning installations, basement and kitchen remodeling, plumbing and room additions. Anytime you add something to your property, a permit is usually necessary.

When applying for the permit, remember to provide a plat of survey indicating where your project is on the property, real estate tax number, address of property, name of subdivision and township, and cost of the project. A general description of the project and list of the names and addresses of all contractors working on the project is also necessary.

When the application is complete, it will take approximately five to 10 working days to review the plans, check the contractors for license and bonds, and to process the permit. Payment for the permit is not required until it is ready to be picked up by the contractor or homeowner. The cost of permits vary. Residents may call the Building Department to estimate the cost of a project.



# Village Commissions

## Millennium celebrations to continue

The Village of Tinley Park has been designated as an Official Millennium Community by the White House Millennium Council in recognition of efforts to bring Tinley Park together with the theme, "Remember the Past, Celebrate the Present and Envision the Future."

With these goals in mind, the Millennium Commission has successfully organized several community events to mark the turn of the century and new millennium. As we near the end of our two-year commission, we are planning for an exciting conclusion of Tinley Park's celebration.

Our Pre-Labor Day Picnic was held on August 27 to the enjoyment of hundreds of residents and families. The afternoon included games, face painting, the Banjo Buddies, the Cannalers, free hot dogs and prizes. Special thanks to all those who helped make this a great event including all the volunteers and our host, the Tinley Park-Park District.

Mark your calendar for the following upcoming Millennium Commission events:

- Millennium Car Show at Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7 from noon to 5 p.m. In case of rain, this event will be held on the following day
- Holiday Parade of Lights on Sunday, December 19 at 5 p.m.
- New Year's Eve 2001 Celebration downtown Tinley Park

We are currently planning to place a time capsule at a future date and place and would appreciate your help with ideas and items to be placed inside. If you would like to volunteer to help or have some ideas or items, please call Jeanne Condon at 444-5000.

Looking for a great Christmas gift for someone you thought had everything? Why not get them a commemorative millennium quilt? They are available in three colors at all our community events and at the Village Hall.

As we near the conclusion of our two-year commission, I would like to thank all the Millennium Commissioners for their dedicated commitment to the Tinley Park community and all those who helped us celebrate the new millennium!

— Al Siegers, Chairman, Tinley Park Millennium Commission



## Food Pantry services all ages

A recent news article stated that the elderly comprise a full 17 percent of the individuals who rely on food pantries in the Chicago area.

In the Tinley Park Food Pantry, the following percentages were found among our patrons: 0-5 years of age, 11 percent; 6-18, 39 percent; 19-40, 25 percent; 41-59, 14 percent; and 60 years old and older, 11 percent.

We are assisting every age level of those who call upon us whose income is poverty level as classified by the state. To accomplish this, as usual, we need your assistance. The Food Pantry may be contacted at 614-7739.

—R. Stan Slack, president and coordinator

## Sister City trip to Germany a success

In June, 98 Americans returned from two weeks in our Sister City, Bidingen, Germany. The Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission organized the trip and with help from our friends in Germany, it was a complete success.

For many travelers, it was their first time in Germany. For others, it was chance to renew old friendships and make new ones. For the Sister Cities Commission, it was the end of one year of work and planning and the 10th anniversary of Tinley Park's first trip in 1990.

During those two weeks, Bidingen hosted the American delegation and visitors from France, Belgium and the Czech Republic. Needless to say, they aptly named this "International Night," when dancers, singers and musicians from four nations entertained.

Tinley Park brought a special gift to commemorate the visit. Volunteer seamstresses sewed together a handmade quilt with many beautiful individual pieces in one magnificent work of art. The quilt is a perfect reflection of the Sister City relationship; many beautiful people "sewn" together into a work of art.

Our most important traveler was Mayor Ed Zabrocki. Because elected officials from five nations were there, having our mayor present was important. At official meetings, working sessions and social events, Tinley Park was well represented. Both Mayor Zabrocki and his wife, Emily, were among the first to sign up for the trip and were active participants. Ed and Emily Zabrocki graciously donated their vacation time to official functions and we thank them. The Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission was proud to have them with us.

Thanks also to the Tinley Park Arts Alive! Band for its participation. The arts are important to every nation in Europe. Tinley Park has a fine international reputation. We got our reputation the hard way – we earned it.

The Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission is a group of volunteers who make the Sister City relationship work. The village does not compensate members. They pay their own way, use their own vacation time for these trips and donate time to the Village of Tinley Park all year long. They do this because they love the village and want to make it a better place.

We urge you to donate a little time to the Village of Tinley Park. Make it a better place to live and work. Help yourself by helping your community.

*– Randal Tietz, chairman, Tinley Park Sister Cities Commission*



## Village, vets commission holds commemoration of Korean conflict

Mayor Ed Zabrocki (right) and Jong-Kyou Byun, consul general of the Republic of Korea, cut the cake at a Village Hall reception honoring veterans who served in the Korean War. The village and Veterans Commission hosted the reception, one of other events being planned to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the conflict's end.



# Library News

## Bookmobile marks first year

The bookmobile has been "*On the Road to Reading*" for one year and the library will celebrate at a special anniversary party on Sunday, October 8 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Cake, punch, a clown and a caricaturist will entertain, and commemorative tokens will be available.

The bookmobile currently averages over 1,000 checkouts a month and will add eight new stops to its fall schedule. If you are homebound and can't come to the library, materials will be brought for your reading and listening pleasure to your home. Contact Kathy Parker, bookmobile coordinator, at 532-0160, ext. 3, if you have any questions regarding this service to the community. Bookmobile schedules are included in the library's newsletter, *TALES & LORE*, mailed to each household three times per year.

## Reincarnation Ball: *Come as you were, or, as you'd like to be!*

The newly-formed TPPL Foundation invites you to attend its premiere event on Friday, October 13, at the Odyssey Country Club, from 7 p.m. to midnight. Dinner, music by the Arts Alive! Jazz Ensemble, entertainment by mystery guests and silent auction tables will provide a full evening of excitement. Ticket price is \$50 per person and tickets are available at the library.

The goal of the TPPL Foundation is to promote the library and to assist in funding special projects that cannot be supported through tax dollars. Nancy Coughlin, former Library Board member, serves as president of the foundation and welcomes community participation.

## Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library have a new Book Sale Room that is open to browsers and buyers during all hours of library service. Updated on a weekly basis, the Friends see to it that new donations are added quickly to the sale offerings. Fiction, non-fiction, children's works, paperbacks and magazines are among the items available for purchase. All proceeds benefit the TPPL.

## Programs for all ages

Tinley Tomes, the adult book discussion group, meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. for lively discussion and debate. Opening dates are: 10/24, Corelli's Mandolin by Luis De Bernieres; and 11/28, Revolutionary Road by Richard Yates. Multiple copies of discussion books are available at the Adult Services Reference Desk about one month prior to the discussion date.

Charles and Darlene Spohrer of Autumn Leaves Books in Homewood will present a program on book collecting on Tuesday, October 17, at 7 p.m. In addition to covering the basics of book collecting, the Spohrer's will also teach you how to identify valuable first editions.

Another edition of the very popular Antiques Valuation program conducted by Rex Newell will be held on Sunday, November 5, at 1:30 p.m. Attendance is limited to 60 Tinley Park Library cardholders and registration will begin on Monday, October 16. Each person attending the program is allowed to bring one hand-held item for evaluation.

Make your own Polish Folk Art Christmas ornaments with Frances Drwal on Wednesday, November 29, at 6:30 p.m. Registration for this program begins on November 6. All participants must bring their own scissors and watercolor markers.

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## Discover young artists

Currently on display in the Youth Services Department are works of art created by children enrolled in the Orland Hills Park District program Dianna's Art Club. Fish, landscapes and lighthouses are among the subjects featured in this display of local talent.

## Exhibit of people, places and activities of Tinley Park

Visit the library's display as we participate in "The Celebration of the Life and Times of Tinley Park: The Spirit of Community" to be held at the Vogt Visual Arts Center of the Tinley Park-Park District through December 10. Travel back in time with us as we trace our roots from volunteer service in a donated trailer to our current, professionally staffed library and its offerings of new technology.



## Army squadron thanks village

A U.S. Army squadron stationed in Büdingen, Germany, has sent its thanks to Tinley Park for the support it has received from a special 15-year relationship with the village.

"The support from Tinley Park makes a clear and evident impact on the welfare and morale of the squadron," said Lt. Col. Thomas Smith of the 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry helicopter unit in a letter to Trustee Patrick Rea, which was accompanied by a plaque for the village.

Because of the village's Sister City relationship with Büdingen, the Tinley Park Veterans Commission took a special interest in the Army squadron stationed there, said Commission Chairman Edward Trennert. An annual \$500 scholarship, named after Trennert, is presented to the squadron to be used at its discretion. Troopers, family members or special projects are the beneficiaries of the scholarship, Trennert said.

Last year, a donation was used to defer the cost of the squadron's winter formal for junior enlisted soldiers, Smith said in his letter.

"We want to let the troops there know that we support them," Trennert said.

The plaque thanks Tinley Park for "outstanding contributions to the Blackhawk community. Your continuous support and years of selfless contributions to the troopers and families of 1st Squadron, 1st U.S. Cavalry and the Büdingen community are greatly appreciated and have contributed immeasurably to the success of the squadron."



*Trustee Patrick Rea (left) and Mayor Ed Zabrocki display the appreciation plaque received by the village from an Army squadron in the Sister City of Büdingen, Germany.*



## **DAREFEST 2000 is another success**

Held at the New World Music Theatre Friday, May 26, DAREFEST 2000 attracted 3,000 people despite inclement weather. Highlights from this year included: live bands, Giant Screen DJ Dance Party, games, rides, canine demonstration, Mr. D's Magic, juggler Dave Fleming, The Electric Blue DJ's, custom police vehicles, free goodies and much more.

A special thanks to all the supporters of DAREFEST. To get involved in DAREFEST, call 444-5353.

### **DAREN is coming**

The mascot of the DARE program, "Daren" the Lion, will make his debut at the Oktoberfest parade. The costume character will also be made available for functions within Tinley Park. For information on the availability of Daren, contact Officer Dave Cyborski at 444-5336. Any former DARE student interested in assisting the DARE Unit by wearing the costume should contact Officer Cyborski.

### **RIDE program a success**

Kirby School District 140 with the Tinley Park Police Department has developed Project RIDE (Reinforcement in Drug Education). RIDE is a prevention program designed as a continuation of drug prevention education targeted for the middle schools of District 140. The survey results from the first ever RIDE program held in April showed that 98 percent of the students felt the program did help influence them to be drug free.

### **DARE and Oktoberfest**

As in the past, the DARE Unit will be actively involved in Tinley Park Oktoberfest. Look for the DARE Mobile, DARE students and Daren the Lion at the Oktoberfest parade. We will also have a pop booth at Oktoberfest.

### **5 years of service to DARE**

The DARE Committee, a group of 14 Tinley Park residents who assist the DARE program, has been a tremendous asset to the DARE Unit. Recently, two members reached five years of service in volunteering their time to the DARE Program. They are Emily Vaccaro and Julie McGuire.

### **Special Thanks**

Thanks to the many people and other supporters who took the time to get involved in the DARE program during the 1999-2000 school year. The list is too long to mention everyone individually, but your contributions to the DARE program are greatly appreciated.

*— Officer Tom Cappos*



*A cameraman from a television station in Poland films a meeting of the Tinley Park Village Board as part of an intergovernmental project aimed at providing Polish leaders with a better understanding of the way local government works in the United States. Alan Botto of the State Department, who accompanied the crew and other Polish representatives on their U.S. tour, said the film will be viewed by local political leaders to study ways of improving their operations. He said Tinley Park was an outstanding example of good government for the project.*

# *Park District Happenings*

## **Park District breaks ground for rec center**

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new Recreation Center on July 27 with over 125 persons in attendance. It was announced that the new center would be named "The Tony Bettenhausen Recreation Center."

A large number of Bettenhausen family members were on hand to participate in the afternoon festivities. The groundbreaking ceremony was covered by national television and highlighted on ESPN.

Construction will begin this fall for the Recreation Center. Final design work has been completed and the project has gone out to bid. The completed building is scheduled to open in the fall of 2001.

## **New Playgrounds to be Installed**

The Park District is in the process of purchasing and installing playground equipment at five parks within the village. Memorial School Park, Veterans Park, Bannes Park, St. Boniface Park and Kiwanis Park will soon have state-of-the-art playground equipment for all to enjoy. The scheduled completion date for these playgrounds is fall of 2000.

## **Fourth of July**

The Park District Board of Commissioners would like to thank all of the participants and staff for an enjoyable and successful Fourth of July event. Thank you to Interstate Bank, Founders Bank and the Tinley Park Millennium Commission for their generous contributions toward the day's events. A very special thank you goes out to the Village of Tinley Park, Mayor Zabrocki and trustees for their co-sponsorship and donation toward the fireworks. This year, the Tinley Park-Park District was voted by the readers of the Southtown Newspaper as "Southland's Finest 2000 Readers Choice Awards" for the best local fireworks display at our celebration.

## **Volunteer Appreciation**

During the course of each year, the Park District uses the services of over 300 volunteers for operation of programs. The Park District Board of Commissioners and staff appreciates the time, knowledge and resources donated to the many programs offered through the Park District. The Park District could not offer these programs without the help of these volunteers.

## **Halloween Happenings**

Once again, the Park District is offering a Halloween Party Open House at Tinley Park High School on October 28 from noon until 3 p.m. Children will be able to play Halloween games, receive candy and toy prizes. Registration is not necessary.

## **Family Haunted Hayride**

The Vogt Woods Haunted Hayride will be held October 27 and 28. Tickets are \$5 per person and will be sold at the Park District Office beginning Wednesday, October 18. There are three time slots available: 7 p.m., 8 p.m. and 9 p.m. in both evenings. No tickets will be sold after October 25.





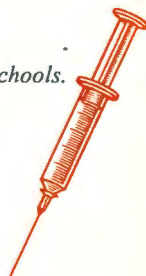
# Calendar of Health Services

Orland Township Health Service is designed to promote and provide services to our community which focus on wellness, preventive health care and health education. We serve the entire Orland Township and Tinley Park population, since there are no age or income guidelines to use services.

## Free Immunization Clinic

*Orland Township Immunization Clinics are monthly and held in area schools. All vaccines are administered free of charge. (\$2 fee for a TB test.)*

| Date            | Location                         | Time         |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|--------------|
| October 7       | Fulton School, Tinley Park       | 9 to 11 a.m. |
| November 4      | Kruse School, Orland Park        | 9 to 11 a.m. |
| December 2      | Helen Keller School, Tinley Park | 9 to 11 a.m. |
| January 6, 2001 | Liberty School, Orland Park      | 9 to 11 a.m. |
| February 3      | Liberty School, Orland Park      | 9 to 11 a.m. |



*For future clinic dates, call 403-4222. All children age 18 and under must be accompanied by a parent unless special arrangements have been made with the health service department the week before the clinic.*

**A written immunization record must be presented at the clinic and proof of residency will be checked. Those receiving shots should eat before attending the clinic.**

## Flu Shot News

Flu vaccine will be late this year. All providers have been advised not to schedule clinics until definite vaccine delivery dates are known. Flu shots will most likely be given in November. Please call 403-4222 for the latest information.

## Grandparents Raising Grandchildren

Grandparents who are courageously facing this new role of "repeat parents" meet monthly at the Orland Township Activity Center. The focus of the group is to provide information, ideas and emotional support. Guest speakers lead discussions on a variety of grandparenting issues. The next meeting will be held in the Orland Township Activity Center on Wednesday, November 8, at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be an attorney. Please call Sandy Burian at 403-4222 if you are interested in attending.

## American Heart Association CPR

**Thursday, October 5 • 6 to 10 p.m.** This course is designed to enable the participant to recognize and care for breathing emergencies, heart attack and cardiac arrest in infants, children and adults. Taught by Orland Fire Department paramedics, participants will receive documentation of successful completion. Interested persons can register at the Orland Township office at 15100 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Park. Fee for the class is \$25.



## Back Education and Injury Prevention

**Thursday, October 12 • 7 p.m. • Orland Township Activity Center.** Provided free of charge by Occu-Sport Physical Therapy of Orland Park, the class is designed to reduce the risk of spinal injuries by educating the participant in basic anatomy, sitting and movement strategies, as well as the use of correct body mechanics and postural alignment when performing activities throughout the day. Please call 403-4222 to register.

## **Osteoporosis**

**Monday, October 16 • 7 p.m. • Free of Charge.** Call 403-4222 to register for this free program which will focus on proper nutrition, exercise and attitude to prevent osteoporosis. Emphasis will be placed on 12 steps to happier, healthier living. Presented by Dr. Sheila Robinson, DC, participants will be encouraged to take a step toward living life more fully.

## **Adult Morning of Wellness**

**Saturday, November 4 • 9:30 a.m. to noon • St. Michael's Parish Commons.** Sponsored by Orland Township and St. Michael's Parish (14327 Highland Avenue, Orland Park), the day will feature many types of health screenings and exams, as well as adult flu immunizations. Call 403-4222 to register for a flu shot or for more information about this event.

## **Hepatitis C Support Group**

This newly formed support group will meet in the Orland Township Activity Center, 15100 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Park. Goals of the group are to increase knowledge from medical professionals and other patients regarding nutrition, medication and research; develop and improve coping skills; gain increased confidence/acceptance of liver disease by sharing a common struggle; obtain support for family/friends; overcome stigma; exchange information for referrals as needed; and obtain support service in a community setting. Call 403-4222 (health service) or 403-4001 (youth service) for more information.



## **Groups for Adults and Children** (Orland Township residents only)

Call Karin (403-4001) for information or to sign up for any of these FREE groups:

- Socialization groups for kids ages 5-7 and 8-10
- Groups for kids of divorce ages 5-7 and 8-10
- Sibshop for kids ages 8-11 (understanding having a disabled brother/sister)
- Parenting groups for all adults
- Homework workshop for parents

## **Make a Difference Day - Saturday, October 28**

Orland Township will be accepting donations for the Manteno Veterans Home on Saturday, October 28 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Orland Township Office, 15100 S. 94th Avenue, Orland Park. For more information, contact Ellen Friedl, Senior Services Coordinator at 403-4222.

## **Remember Holiday 2000**

Non-perishable food items, new unwrapped toys, gift certificates and monetary donations are accepted for this program that assists Orland Township families at holiday time. Call 403-4222 to see how you can help.

## **'Guess the Pumpkin's Weight' contest**



Children ages 5 to 10 are invited to visit the Village Hall and compete for a \$50 savings bond by guessing the weight of a giant pumpkin on display there.

The huge pumpkin was grown by Public Works Department employees Ron and Al Siebrandt.

Children may examine the pumpkin and submit their entry form in the lobby of the Village Hall. The drawing will be held October 23.



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| <b>Edward Zabrocki</b> .....      | <i>Mayor</i>                               |
| <b>Frank German</b> .....         | <i>Clerk</i>                               |
| <b>TRUSTEES</b>                   |                                            |
| <b>Michael Bettenhausen</b> ..... | <i>Public Works and Boundaries</i>         |
| <b>Gregory Hannon</b> .....       | <i>Building and Zoning</i>                 |
| <b>Matthew Heffernan</b> .....    | <i>Public Safety</i>                       |
| <b>Brian Maher</b> .....          | <i>Budget and Administration</i>           |
| <b>Patrick Rea</b> .....          | <i>Finance and Economic Development</i>    |
| <b>David Seaman</b> .....         | <i>Planning and Transportation</i>         |
| <b>David Dorgan</b> .....         | <i>Village Manager</i>                     |
| <b>Scott Niehaus</b> .....        | <i>Assistant Village Manager</i>           |
| <b>Terrence Barnicle</b> .....    | <i>Village Attorney</i>                    |
| (Klein, Thorpe and Jenkins, Ltd.) |                                            |
| <b>Christopher King</b> .....     | <i>Village Engineer</i>                    |
| (R. W. Robinson & Assoc.)         |                                            |
| <b>Brad L. Bettenhausen</b> ..... | <i>Treasurer</i>                           |
| <b>Robert Bettenhausen</b> .....  | <i>Fire Marshal</i>                        |
| <b>Ken Dunn</b> .....             | <i>Fire Chief</i>                          |
|                                   | <i>Fire Prevention Administrator</i>       |
| <b>Michael O'Connell</b> .....    | <i>Police Chief</i>                        |
| <b>David Samuelson</b> .....      | <i>Planning Director</i>                   |
| <b>John Dobner</b> .....          | <i>Code Enforcement Commissioner</i>       |
| <b>Michael Mertens</b> .....      | <i>Economic Development Director</i>       |
| <b>Tom Albright</b> .....         | <i>Director of Public Works</i>            |
| <b>Jerry Radecky</b> .....        | <i>Zoning Administrator</i>                |
| <b>Jim Dzurny</b> .....           | <i>ESDA Director</i>                       |
| <b>Ray Fessler</b> .....          | <i>Building Commissioner and Inspector</i> |
| <b>Robert Zamzow</b> .....        | <i>Consumer Protection Officer</i>         |
| <b>George Kostal</b> .....        | <i>Plumbing Inspector</i>                  |
| <b>Don McNeely</b> .....          | <i>Building Inspector</i>                  |
| <b>Tom Beirne</b> .....           | <i>Electrical Inspector</i>                |
| <b>Ken Cwodzinski</b> .....       | <i>Electrical and Facilities Engineer</i>  |
| <b>Chuck Sears</b> .....          | <i>Street Superintendent</i>               |
| <b>Jon Bachman</b> .....          | <i>Water Superintendent</i>                |

### **TINLEY PARK VILLAGE HALL**

16250 S. Oak Park Avenue

444-5000

Internet address: [www.tinleypark.org](http://www.tinleypark.org)

#### **Office Hours:**

Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

#### **VILLAGE BOARD MEETINGS**

Held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at 8:00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The Public is welcome.

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# Free Trolley Shuttle to OKTOBERFEST

A free trolley will be shuttling residents to and from the Oktoberfest site at the New World Music Theatre. Trolleys will run from two locations: **the Oak Park Avenue and the 80th Avenue Metra train stations** during the following times:

|                     |                   |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Friday, October 6   | 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. |
| Saturday, October 7 | 1 p.m. to 11 p.m. |
| Sunday, October 8   | 12 noon to 9 p.m. |

Trolleys will leave the stations approximately every half hour.

The free trolley service is sponsored by the Tinley Park Industrial Commercial Commission.

Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult.



## **The Exchange**

c/o The Village Hall  
16250 S. Oak Park Avenue  
Tinley Park, Illinois 60477



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