

InverNews

The Village With A Heritage



Summer 2012

See It? Uneasy About It? Report It

Call 911 whenever you see anything suspicious in your neighborhood

There was a time when 911 was only to be called for a police, fire or medical emergency. But no more. Today the 911 dispatch centers handle ALL calls, whether for something as serious as a burglary in progress or as mundane as reporting a loud party.

"Our officers recently went door to door in a neighborhood after a home was burglarized," Police Chief Robert Haas said. "We asked neighbors if they had seen anything suspicious. Several reported noticing an unfamiliar vehicle, and one saw two people running through a backyard. But no one called 911 to report what they saw because they 'didn't want to bother us.'"

Police officers would far rather investigate a situation where a neighbor reports something that doesn't look or feel right and find that there is nothing amiss after all, than to discover after a burglary has occurred that neighbors saw something suspicious but didn't call 911. "No one knows a neighborhood better than the people who live there," Chief Haas said. "We want residents to call 911 to report anything, anytime that seems out of character. People's instincts are usually right. Whenever something doesn't feel right, call 911 and let us check it out."

Remember: never hesitate to call 911 if you observe any suspicious vehicles or persons anytime, anywhere. Your call could stop a burglary before it happens.

They're Back . . . With a Vengeance

Emerald Ash Borers have been confirmed in increasing numbers in Inverness. Residents should be vigilant about inspecting their ash trees for signs of infestation, which include:

- ▲ the presence of metallic green beetles about half the diameter of a penny on or around ash trees
- ▲ thinning and yellowing leaves
- ▲ D-shaped holes in the bark of the trunk or branches
- ▲ shoots growing from the tree's base
- ▲ serpentine shaped larval galleries under the bark

Call the Village if you think you have signs of infestation. More information regarding EAB in Illinois can be found at these web sites:

www.emeraldashborer.info • www.illinoiseab.com • www.mortonarb.org



Power Out? Send a Text to ComEd to Report It

ComEd has instituted a two-way text messaging capability that allows customers to text their outage to ComEd and enables ComEd to text restoration information back to customers.

The expanded outage alert text message program provides added convenience for customers. The new program enhancements include:

- Allow customers to text ComEd to report an outage
- Offer real-time information on outages
- To report an outage, customers can text OUT to 26633 (COMED)
- You can opt into the program by signing up at: <https://www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/outage-alerts.aspx>

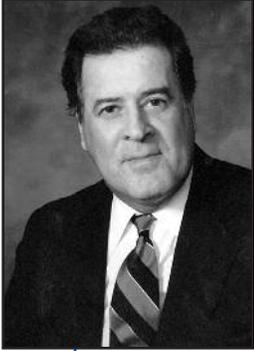
Outage Map

With ComEd's outage map, customers can view all outages in the ComEd service area at once and zoom in and get details on specific areas, such as the estimated restoration time and status of crews working to resolve problems. Icons are color-coded to indicate the number of customers affected by each incident. Check out the interactive map at ComEd.com/Map.

Storm Center

When the storms roll in, ComEd is ready to keep you up-to-date (*continued on page 3*)

Jack Tatoes



Dear Residents:

The Village's fiscal year ended April 30th. By focusing on cost controls and experiencing a slight improvement in certain revenue streams we ended the year in the black instead of the originally projected deficit. Under the leadership of Chief Haas, the Police Department continues to meet or exceed budget targets. Establishing our own Department continues to be a sound financial and service decision. Since beginning operations, the Village has saved over \$1.3 million compared to the prior contract arrangement. I expect that savings to continue in the years to come. This savings is passed on to residents in the form of lower corporate property taxes since that portion of the levy is directly tied to Police costs.

This year we are budgeting to spend \$4.6 million. \$3.8 million is for operations and \$.8 million is for debt service. Standard and Poor's recently recognized the solid financial management of the Village earlier this year when they reaffirmed our AAA bond rating. Under these uncertain economic times, we were pleased with this reaffirmation. More information on the Village's Financial Plan, prior audits and the Standard and Poor's rating can be found on the Village's website at www.villageofinverness.org/news.html.

We continue to meet with representatives of ComEd on pocket reliability issues. Most of the work they promised last year was completed during the first quarter of 2012. The remainder of the work will be completed during the summer. Hopefully, we will not have to relive the outages of last summer. ComEd has also enhanced customer communications. More information about this can be found on their website at www.comed.com/customer-service/outage-information/Pages/default.aspx. Finally if you have an interest in learning about alternative electrical suppliers, I would encourage you to visit the ICC website at <http://pluginillinois.org/Suppliers.aspx> or the Citizen's Utility Board at <http://www.citizensutilityboard.org>.

Enjoy your summer.

Sincerely,



Jack Tatoes, Mayor

Contact ComEd *(continued from page 1)*

on outage restorations. Visit the Storm Center at ComEd.com/Storm to get the latest information on outages in the service territory, view the Outage Map, or report an outage.

Mobile App

Gain the flexibility and convenience of managing your ComEd Residential account on the go with ComEd's FREE mobile app for iPhone® and Android™ devices. The mobile app allows you to report an outage, make a one-time payment, and manage account features with the swipe of a finger. Learn more at ComEd.com/App

ComEd Emergency

If you have an electric emergency, call ComEd immediately, 1-800-EDISON, 24/7. Never email your emergency request. If you need to report an emergency situation such as a fire, vehicle accident, electric contact/shock, or other potential danger call 911 to notify first responders.

Calendar of Events

July

- 10 Village Board
- 17 Plan Commission
- 18 Zoning Board

August

- 14 Village Board
- 15 Zoning Board
- 21 Plan Commission

September

- 11 Village Board
- 18 Plan Commission •
- 19 Zoning Board

Inverness' Strong Financial Position Translates To No Tax Increase for 2012

The financial health of the Village is excellent. We finished our Fiscal Year 2012 (ending on April 30th) with a surplus (of revenues in excess of expenditures) of \$262,300. Given the turbulent economic times that we live in, this is an extraordinary performance by your Village management.

On June 12th, your Village Board approved the Financial Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 providing for expenditures of \$4,646,100. Chart 1 shows

where these funds come from. Chart 2 shows how these funds will be utilized. If necessary, the minor shortfall in revenues will come from Village reserves.

For a number of years, it has been Village policy to utilize all the corporate property taxes that the Village receives to solely fund our police operations. This year, there will be NO INCREASE in the corporate portion of the taxes that the Village levies. This tax levy will be \$1.6 million -- the same amount as last year and will be earmarked for the operation of the Police Department (that budget is \$1.6 million).

Chart 3 shows the portion of your total property tax bill that the Village receives. (this illustration is for those residents who live in Palatine Township -- the numbers are similar for those residents who live in Barrington Township). For the typical resident, only 6% of your overall property tax bill goes to the Village of Inverness. As you can see from this chart, 68% of your property taxes go to fund the school districts in Palatine Township.

*Dick Gallagher, Village Trustee
Chairman, Finance Committee*

Chart 1
Where the money comes from
\$4,594,100

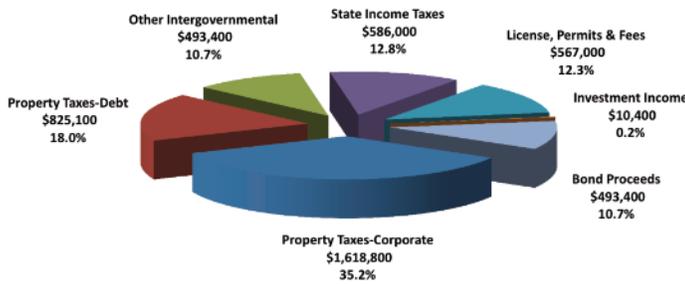


Chart 2
How the money is spent
\$4,641,200

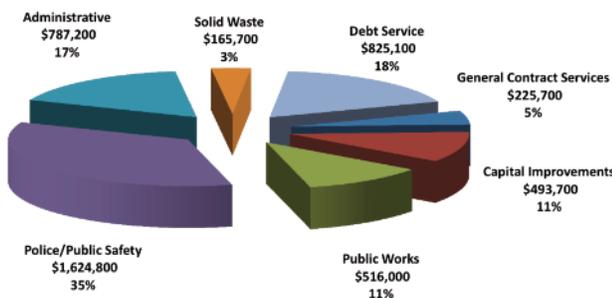
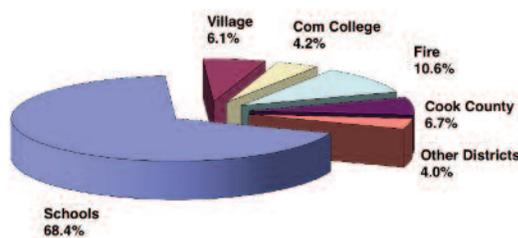


Chart 3
2010 Property Taxes
Where your money goes in Palatine Township



NEWS TO KNOW

[Shopping for the best electricity rate? Check out www.pluginillinois.org:](http://www.pluginillinois.org)

The "Opt-In" electrical aggregation program, which provides immediate electric bill savings to residents and small businesses, offers the option to choose among several energy suppliers.

The pluginillinois.org website offers residents an easy-to-use resource for evaluating potential energy suppliers and their rates. This Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) website provides a direct link to suppliers' websites so that you can more easily evaluate all of the options.

If you have questions about the "opt-in" energy supplier program, contact the Village at (847) 358-7740.

[Standard & Poor's Reaffirms Inverness' AAA rating:](#)

When Inverness issued General Obligation bonds in 2008 to fund street repairs, Standard & Poor's gave an AAA rating, the highest possible rating. When Standard & Poor's reviewed the Village's financial status in early 2012, it reaffirmed its earlier AAA rating. The Village's outstanding rating is based on its very strong financial operations; "good" financial management under Standard & Poor's Financial Management Assessment (FMA) methodology; extremely strong property values and the relatively high income level of its residents; and low debt burden.

Residents will be pleased to note that Inverness has a higher credit rating than both the United States federal government and the State of Illinois.

Garbage Pickup Days Change for 4th of July & Labor Day Holidays

Two upcoming holidays will bring changes to the regular garbage pickup days in Inverness.

4th of July: The holiday falls on Wednesday, July 4; garbage pickup will be on **Friday, July 6**.

Labor Day: The holiday falls on Monday, September 3; garbage pickup will be on **Friday, September 7**.



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Here's Something to Celebrate

Inverness is 50 Years Old This Summer!

The Independence Day holiday is extra special this year: the Village of Inverness is celebrating its 50 year anniversary since it was incorporated as a municipal government on July 5, 1962.

The first Village Board meeting was held on July 5, 1962 in the Inverness Community House on Highland Road (predecessor to the Park District Field House). Members of the first Board of Trustees were: President Samuel Trude; Trustees Cantwell, Englehardt, Kuckuck, Melum, Postle and Zeidler. The Village Clerk was Margaret Bamman. The Village moved to its current location at the Four Silos in January 1984.

The Village's first operating budget was \$23,975, compared to the 2012 budget of just over \$3.8 million.

According to the 2010 Census, there are approximately 2,849 homes in Inverness with a population of 7,399. The first

Census of the Village in September 1962 reported a population of 973.

Police services were originally provided by Locke Patrol Services. The Inverness Police Department began full-time operations on May 1, 2009. In the intervening years, police services were provided by Delta Patrol, Frank Michelle & Associates, the Village of Hoffman Estates, the Village of Palatine and the Village of Barrington.



Rural Fire Protection District Open House to be Held Saturday, September 8

The Palatine Rural Fire Protection District will be host its annual Open House on Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. The day's activities will be held at the Fire Station located at 35 Ela Road in Inverness. Additional parking will be available at Holy Family Church, located at 2515 Palatine Road. Shuttle Services will be provided.

The event will include numerous vendors, live burn demonstrations, a kids' area, and a variety of other activities throughout the day. Sparky the Dalmatian will be on hand for pictures. Bring the family for a day of fun.

For further information please contact the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District at 847-991-8700.

Vehicle Stickers Available at Village Hall

Applications for the 2012-13 Village of Inverness vehicle stickers were mailed to all residents at the end of May. If you did not receive an application or need to obtain another form, simply stop by the Village Hall or call to let us know you need the application and we will gladly put one in the mail to you.

The deadline for displaying the 2012-13 vehicle sticker is July 1, 2012. Vehicle stickers are \$10 per vehicle. Effective September 2, the price will be \$20.00. After October 2, the price jumps to \$100.00.

Dog licenses are priced at \$5.00 until July 1. The fee rises to \$10.00 on September 2.