



InverNews

The Village With A Heritage

Winter/Spring 2008

Inverness to Have Its Own Police Department by May 1, 2009

For the first time in its history, the Village of Inverness will have its own Police Department, beginning in the spring of 2009.

The Village has had a long standing contractual agreement with the Village of Barrington for police services, an arrangement dating back to 1975. But when the Village of Barrington proposed a substantial increase in the cost of providing police services for the contract period of 2009-2014, the Inverness Village Board decided to take a hard look at creating its own Police Department. When a consultant hired by the Board determined that Inverness could create its own municipal Police Department for less money than the Village of Barrington was requesting, the Board agreed unanimously that it was in the best interests of the community to create its own Police Department.

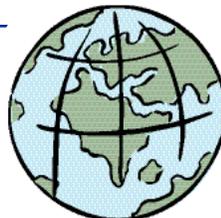
The Village Board has hired a consultant to assist with the selection of a Police Chief. Once a Police Chief is named in the fall of 2008, the process of recruiting and training police officers will get underway. When it becomes operational in 2009, the Inverness Police Department will provide the same level of staffing now provided by the Village of Barrington -- two officers on duty 24 hours a day. The new Police Department will temporarily operate out of the Village Hall Annex at 1415 Baldwin Road.

In addition to hiring officers and purchasing equipment, the new Inverness Police Chief will also be responsible for developing contractual arrangements for some services that are more cost effective to outsource, including dispatch services, lockup facilities, and a firing range. The selection and training of Inverness' police officers is expected to be complete by the end of 2008. The Inverness Police Department is scheduled to become fully functional in mid-March of 2009, allowing for a six week transition period between the Barrington Police Department and the new Village of Inverness Police Department.

"The Village Board put a great deal of thought into structuring the change-over in a way that will make this transition as seamless as possible," said Village Administrator Curt Carver. "Village residents should experience no noticeable loss of service as we move from the Village of Barrington to our own Police Department."

Earth 911

Earth 911 is a global initiative to educate the public about environmental issues. Topics include recycling, energy conservation, household chemical waste, green shopping tips and mercury information.



Entering a zip code allows the website to access information for collections and programs in your area. For information on Earth 911 visit www.earth911.org. For other information on local recycling programs visit the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County at www.swancc.org.

Inverness Launches Emergency Notification System

If there is an emergency situation in the Village that you should know about, a new system enables the Village to call your land line, cell phone, or contact you via email.



Known as Connect-CTY, this automated system gives the Village up to five points of contact to notify you -- up to three telephone numbers and two email addresses per residence. Although the system has not yet been used for emergency notification purposes, it is now available to let residents know about things such as severe weather situations, hazardous material spills, emergency road closures, and more.

Here's how to check to see if your phone & email are registered:

Log onto the Village's website, www.villageofinverness.org and click on the *(continued on page 3)*

Calendar of Events

March

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

April

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

May

- 13 Village Board
- 19 Zoning Board
- 20 Plan Commission

Jack Tatoes



Dear Residents,

Since 1975, Inverness has maintained a partnership with the Village of Barrington to provide contracted police services to our Village. We have been delighted with our police service and the men and women who have served us on our police force.

So why is Inverness starting its own police department? A very logical question . . . one that I hope to answer here.

In the 30 years since Inverness started sharing police services with Barrington, both of our villages have matured, and in many ways moved in different directions. With virtually no land left to develop, and with the exception of the Williamsburg Village office complex, Inverness has evolved into a unique, exclusively residential community. At the same time, Barrington's growth has included a vast expansion of its retail base,

including a giant car dealership complex and a downtown retail district.

As a result, it became increasingly clear that the type of police services required by Barrington and Inverness was changing. Operational costs in Barrington's Police Department have grown dramatically because of their retail base; Inverness was asked to share in those increasing costs, while not sharing in the same police coverage needs.

Your village has commissioned two studies on having our own police department, including the one most recently completed, and one conducted five years ago when the previous contract with Barrington was up for renewal. Five years ago, it was decided that the costs only slightly favored our own department...and in light of our experience, your Board decided to continue our relationship with Barrington.

This time, however, the cost differential was staggering, and would have required a giant tax increase just to maintain our present level of service with Barrington. Moreover, this was just the beginning: what would happen with the next renewal? After careful consideration, the Village Board voted unanimously to start our own Village of Inverness Police Department.

While the financial benefits of this decision cannot be underplayed, there are numerous additional benefits to our Village by having our own Police Department.

- **Improved patrols.** By concentrating exclusively on the Inverness community, patrols will not be pulled away to deal with more-common incidents in Barrington's retail district, where most calls (and crime) occur.
- **Local control and decision making.** As Barrington and Inverness continue to move in different directions, decisions for the Inverness Police Department can be made for the exclusive benefit of our Village.
- **Enhanced long-term planning benefits.** Any long-term capital investments will remain with the Village of Inverness.

I have nothing but high praise for the men and women of the combined Barrington-Inverness Police Department who have served us so faithfully for more than 30 years. And I must reinforce this point: this decision was never based on quality of service. However, the economics are so dramatically in favor of our own Police Department that the decision of the Board was sound and well based. I am confident we can maintain a high level of service, and in fact improve on police coverage within our Village with the creation of our own Police Department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jack". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jack Tatoes, Mayor

Emergency Notification System (continued from page 1)

Connect-CTY link. You must register as a new user the first time you log in. Once you have registered as a new user, you can return to the site and edit your information any time you wish. Since the telephone numbers have been gathered from published records, residents are encouraged to register in order to add or change telephone numbers up to a total of three, and add as many as two email addresses.

Although participation in the Connect-CTY emergency notification system is completely voluntary, it provides an excellent means for getting the word out about emergency situations affecting Inverness residents.

Presidential Election Is November 4; Are You Registered To Vote?

If you have recently moved, will turn 18 on or before election day, or have never registered to vote, now is a great time to be sure you will be ready to vote in the November 4 Presidential Election.

Voter registration is available at the Inverness Village Hall, from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. In order to register, you must:

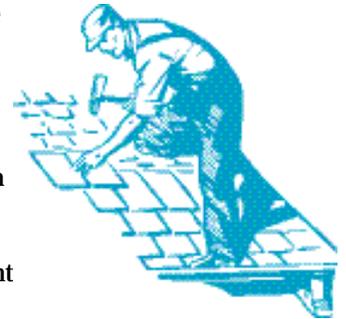
- Be a citizen of the United States when you register
- Be 18 years of age or older by the date on the next election
- Reside at the address you give on the day you register

Two forms of identification are required, at least one of which must show your current address. Acceptable forms of identification include: an Illinois driver's license or state-issued ID, Social Security card, utility bill in the applicant's name, valid U.S. passport, employee or student ID, credit card, birth certificate, and/or postmarked mail addressed to the applicant.

Questions? Call the Village Hall, (847) 358-7740.

Thinking About a Home Improvement? Check With Us First to See If a Permit is Required

If you are planning a home improvement project that involves new construction or remodeling, you will need to obtain a permit application from the Building Department. If you have questions or need assistance in filling out the application, contact the Village of Inverness Building Department at (847) 358-7960. Building Department hours are Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. For your convenience, the Village's Building Code can also be viewed online at www.villageofinverness.org under the links section.



Be Sure to Allow Enough Time for Permit Review And Approval

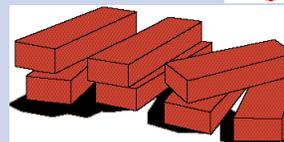
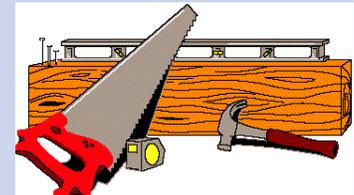
The review and approval process for permit applications for new construction of single family homes typically takes about six weeks. The review and approval process for permit applications for all other types of construction/remodeling projects typically takes about three weeks.

In order to obtain a building permit, you'll need:

- ▲ A completed application.
- ▲ Two plats of survey, one of which must be an original.
- ▲ Three sets of architectural plans stamped and sealed by a state licensed architect or structural engineer for a single family home.
- ▲ Two sets of architectural plans stamped and sealed by a state licensed architect or structural engineer for all other types of construction.

Depending on the type of construction or remodeling, you may also need:

- ▲ Septic layout
- ▲ Septic contractor's license
- ▲ Plumber's letter of intent
- ▲ Plumber's license
- ▲ Roofer's license
- ▲ Homeowners' Association letter of approval.



Think Spring!

Although winter is still with us, spring is on its way.

Some yardwaste reminders:

- ▲ Every household is entitled to two free bags per week.
- ▲ Additional yardwaste bags can be purchased for \$2.10 each at the Jewel on Palatine Road, the Village Hall, or directly from Groot, www.groot.com, then go to the Inverness page.
- ▲ Curbside yardwaste pickup begins on April 3, 2008 and continues through December 11, 2008.



A Seasonal Summary For Maintaining Driveway Culverts

Driveway culverts are one of those things you see every day but often don't stop to think about -- until there is a problem. The Village Engineer offers the following simple seasonal maintenance suggestions that will keep your culvert pipes trouble free:

Winter:

- ▲ Clear ice from the ends of the pipes if possible.
- ▲ Inspect the culvert for any accumulated debris.

Spring:

- ▲ Inspect culverts.
- ▲ Remove any obvious debris such as trash, leaves, and brush, that could cause blockage.

Summer:

- ▲ Clear and flush the inside of the culvert pipe.
- ▲ Trim and remove brush from around the ends of the culvert pipes.
- ▲ Re-establish grass around the pipe ends to prevent erosion.
- ▲ Remove obvious blockages.

Fall:

- ▲ Clear culvert pipe ends.
- ▲ Remove obvious blockages.

Palatine Rural Fire Protection District Receives New Tools, Training Equipment



New Thermal Imager, Fitness Equipment, Other Gear Included in \$25,000 Donation

Every year across the country, heart attacks and strokes are responsible for killing 50 % of the firefighters who die while on-duty. To help keep its employees as fit as possible, the Palatine Rural Fire Protection District requires its firefighters to work out up to 90 minutes during each shift. Now, two insurance companies, Lemme Insurance Group and Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, have teamed up and donated \$25,000 to help support the ongoing fitness effort.

More than \$9,000 of the donation will go toward purchasing new fitness equipment, including a treadmill and new elliptical machine. The district will spend another \$5,000 on new "stair chairs" used to transport patients down stairs or through tight areas. The chairs are designed to minimize stress on the firefighters' backs, thus reducing work-related injuries.

The remaining money will go toward a new high-tech thermal imaging camera. The device uses updated technology to enable firefighters to "see" through smoke and darkness to quickly locate anyone trapped in a building during a fire.

"This donation is allowing the district to purchase much-needed equipment we otherwise couldn't afford with our current budget," said Fire Chief Hank Clemmensen. "A firefighter's job is very strenuous and we're committed to helping them stay physically fit and injury-free throughout their careers."

"We can't think of a better way to help the firefighters," said George Wood with Lemme Insurance Group. "Not only will the new workout gear help them stay physically fit, but the addition of the high-tech thermal imaging camera will better enable them to do their jobs and ultimately make the community a safer place."



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