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Village of Addison eNewsletter

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From the Desk of Mayor Rich Veenstra



As another year concludes, we are given the opportunity to look back at our accomplishments and look forward to new goals. Looking back, I'm struck by how special our community is, and how we tend to take that for granted.

I learned this especially in October, when the Mayor from our Sister City of Triggiano, Italy visited us for about 10 days. We showed him our schools, parks, businesses and, of course, Village Hall. He had the opportunity to meet many people from various facets of our community. And he shared a different perspective with me.

"I wish we could do things the way you do," he said. The intergovernmental cooperation that we have taken for granted here in Addison for decades makes for so much efficiency and productivity. Unfortunately, Mayor Denicolo does not enjoy that kind of cooperation, even within his own level of government. We are truly fortunate!



Left, Mayor Vincenzo Denicolo of Triggiano, Italy, received a resolution from Mayor Rich Veenstra when he visited from our Sister City in October. Top right, Lake Street Commons received a facelift this year, along with new businesses. Bottom right, Illinois Route 53 at Army Trail Road is pictured. The project was finally completed after four years.

There are a few restorative and lighting issues left, but the headaches are over. We are thankful for everyone's patience, especially those businesses that were horribly impacted.

Secondly, 2014 saw one of the coldest, harshest winters on record. As we greet this New Year having seen little more than a dusting of snow, it's easy to forget that we welcomed 2014 with our snow boots already having been broken in for the season. Our community fared much better than most, thanks to great planning by our Public Works Department. We were well prepared, and had plenty of salt that lasted through the winter, while many communities were scrambling. Our staff takes pride keeping the streets safe throughout the winter, no matter how tough that might be.

The year was memorable for another big reason – it was the 130th anniversary of the incorporation of Addison. We used this as an opportunity to build community spirit. This started with an expanded Memorial Day observance that involved community groups, schools and veterans. It continued with our summer series of events, Rock 'n Wheels, that provided improved entertainment, participation from community organizations, and high quality food from our local restaurants.

For the final Rock 'n Wheels event, we featured fireworks as well as a song that speaks to who we are as a community, written and performed by an Addison musician, Joe Kalish.

More than 10,000 people attended these events, celebrating our community, and learning more about what we have to offer. Most of them were residents, and I thank them for attending and showing off their community spirit. Many of them, however, were not. And they are just as welcome, because now they have experienced what Addison is all about and will return, not just to the events, but to our restaurants and commercial establishments. All of this, of course, is what we know to be the "Addison Advantage."

My best wishes to you and your families as we celebrate the holidays. Here's to safe and

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We are also fortunate to see so many improvements in Addison. With the economy finally improving, we are seeing the signs of recovery all over. Yes, there are still empty storefronts – Dominicks still topping that list – but with a new owner of that highly visible plaza making facade improvements, and planning to redo the parking lot, I'm confident good things are to come. I would just remind everyone that having quality stores that support the needs of our community is far more important than simply filling empty spaces with the first business that comes along.

However, 2014 will probably stand out in our minds for two things: first, after four painful years, Illinois Route 53 was essentially completed! Following a "4th anniversary celebration" of the project's beginning, the roadway was opened and new streetlights were turned on.



Watch Mayor Rich Veenstra's complete "Year in Review"

Happy New Year!



Rich Veenstra
Mayor

Charities Collect \$53,000 from *Mayor's Community Charity Ball*

24th Annual Event Raises Funds for 19 Addison Groups



Left, Mayor Rich Veenstra and his wife Mary Ann (left) greet guests at the *Mayor's Community Charity Ball*. Center, Mayor Veenstra and Miss Addison 2014 Samantha Slater announce the winners in the cash raffle. Right, on Dec. 15, representatives from the participating organizations were presented checks from the proceeds of the event at the Village Board of Trustees meeting.

More than 500 residents, business community members and friends of Addison attended the 24th Annual *Mayor's Community Charity Ball* on Nov. 15 at Alta Villa Banquets.

The proceeds from that event, totaling more than \$53,000, were presented to 19 charities and service organizations at the Monday, Dec. 15 Addison Village Board of Trustees meeting.

"Every facet of our community comes together for this event, knowing that it will benefit a neighbor, a friend, a co-worker or someone else in need," Mayor Veenstra said.

The evening featured entertainment by the Addison Trail High School Chamber Strings, and the Elmhurst College Jazz Band. Guests placed bids on more than 300 items available in the Silent Auction.

Eighteen different groups use the Mayor's Ball each year as a fundraiser: Addison Community Switchboard, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison

Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Americans of Italian Descent, Concord Lutheran School, District 4 Foundation for Educational Excellence, District 88 Foundation, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Addison, Knights of Columbus, LCFS - Lutherbrook Child & Adolescent Center, Medinah Shriners, Parks & Recreation Foundation, Rotary Club of Addison, Serenity House, Sister Cities of Addison, Student Participation Center, and Women's Club.

Proceeds raised by the Village of Addison are split between two charities of the Mayor's choosing. This year those benefited Addison Community Switchboard and the Addison Historical Society.

This year's event was sponsored by 20 businesses: Republic Services, 601Bar & Grill, Auto Advantage, BMO Harris Bank, Elmhurst Memorial Healthcare, Edward J. Zarach & Associates, Jostens, The Pampered Chef, Al Warren Oil Co., EZ Rotational, Humes Funeral Home, Itasca Bank & Trust, La Hacienda de los Fernandez, La Magdalena, Oxford Bank, Razny Jewelers, Republic Bank, Rotary Club of Addison, State Representative Kathleen Willis and SWD, Inc.

Village Again Expands Social Media Outreach

Addison Community Television Programs Now Available on YouTube



The Village of Addison is utilizing social media platforms to allow residents to get news reminders, tailor-made to their interests!

The latest addition is programming on the Village's YouTube Channel, at [VillageAddison](#). Watch coverage from special events, such as the Miss Addison pageant, and watch regular programming, such as "A Bit of Addison History," "Up the Avenue," and "Addiscene." Be sure to subscribe, so you can be notified when something new is available.

Get news and reminders from the Village of Addison, tailor-made to your interests!

Want to know latest -- from road construction updates, to payment reminders? Like the Village on Facebook at "[VillageofAddison](#)." There's lots of information and reminders about everything from building permit information and holiday hours.

Keep up to date on the latest Village of Addison event news by liking us on Facebook at "[AddisonEvents](#)." Get the most detailed information on our summer events -- including vendors, entertainment, changes, or weather delays. Communicate with us with suggestions and questions.

And follow us on Twitter @[AddisonVillage](#) to get reminders, photos and event info instantly.

A Bit of Addison History

The Addison Historical Museum maintains a file of Addison-related reminiscences and biographies. The following is a reminiscence of Mrs. Lois Wettreau, an Addison School District 4 teacher from 1949-1966.

Mrs. Wettreau taught third and fourth grade at Addison School, which was located at the northeast corner of Addison Road and Oak Street.

Addison School was renamed Oak School in 1957, and due to declining enrollment, it closed in 1982.

Addison Township offices currently occupy the building.

Mrs. Wettreau's explanation of how the school's Parent Teacher Association was instrumental in getting a traffic light placed at the intersection of Lake Street and Addison Road around 1955 follows:

"For seven years the Oak School P.T.A. had been trying to get the State to place a traffic light at the corner of Lake Street and Addison Road. They sent petitions and letters to the State Department of Highways, but they were informed that in order to qualify for a traffic light, a corner needed to have 5,000 cars passing during the hours a counter was in use.

"Each time a counter was put in place, the traffic fell short of the required number of vehicles. One day one of the P.T. A. members suggested a way to help the situation. She recruited 20 mothers and encouraged them to do as much driving that day as possible, being sure to include the intersection in the routes as often as possible.

"With a little help from the P.T.A. members, 5,000 cars were counted that day, and seven years of effort were successful. Addison had its first traffic light installed."

The museum is open on Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., March through November, and is located at 135 Army Trail Road in Addison. Phone: (630) 628-1433. email: museum@addison-il.org.



Employees of the Month

Jeanette Paradiso Part-time Clerk Typist Community Relations Department October 2014

Jeanette Paradiso has worked in the Historical Museum for 17 years. Her duties include: greeting visitors and conducting tours of the Museum buildings; replying to email requests for information about Addison's history; writing The Salt Creek Tattler (the Museum's bi-monthly newsletter); also, a Bit of Addison History articles for the Village's e-newsletter; developing and participating in A Bit of Addison History segments for television; cataloging donated items and creating and maintaining exhibits in the Museum and Rotunda; coordinating special events; and serving as a staff liaison to the Addison Historical Commission.

Jeanette is married to Paul and has two sons. Vince, 38, who is married to Ania and has given Jeanette and Paul two terrific granddaughters, Olivia and Veronica; and Mike, 36, who is getting married later this year.



John Brechin Foreman Public Works Department December 2014

John Brechin, of the Environmental Services Division, has been employed with the Village for 37 years. His job is to supervise and maintain the AJL Wastewater facility.

John is married to Coleen and has three children: Kelly, 34; William, 32, who is married to Jessica; and David, 30, who is married to Nicole.

John enjoys spending time with family and keeping up with his three grandchildren, while also playing softball and golf.



Employee of the Year

Georgianne Prince Assistant Planner Community Development Department 2014 Employee of the Year

Georgianne Prince has been a Village employee for 23 years. She began her career with the Village as a part-timer in Administration for about a year, and then became Administrative Assistant in the Community Development Department. Georgianne was recently promoted to Planning Assistant.

Her job involves preparing and distributing agendas for the Planning and Zoning Commission; processing zoning requests and FOIAs; payroll; preparation of the department budget and assisting the public with help and concerns on a daily basis.

In her spare time, Georgianne enjoys traveling, reading, dancing and going out with friends.

Holiday Light Recycling Available

Don't throw away those broken strings of lights!

The Village of Addison has partnered with USMe to provide a drop box for recycling holiday lights. The box is located at the Addison Recycling Center, 711 N. Addison Road, and will be available from Nov. 17, 2014 through Feb. 27, 2015.

Lights that will be accepted include: Mini Lights (or Italian lights), C7 lights, C9 lights, rope lights, LED lights, extension cords, etc. All colors and lengths will be accepted.



News Blurbs

Christmas Tree Pickup

Free Christmas tree pickup service is available for residents. Trees should be placed on the parkway any Sunday night during the month of January. Village crews will begin collecting them on Mondays. Please keep trees out of snowbanks.

Nails, tinsel, ornaments and lights must be removed from trees. Christmas tree bags and tree bases must also be removed.

Evergreen wreaths and garland will not be accepted because the wire used to construct them can damage the chipper machine.

For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 620-2020.

Shape of Addison

Itasca Bank & Trust will present the 8th Annual "Shape of Addison" Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 28 in the Village Hall Board Room, at 1 Friendship Plaza, from 7 to 9 p.m.

Board Presidents and Administrators from the Village of Addison, Addison Public Library, Park District, Fire Protection District, Elementary School District 4 and DuPage High School District 88 will be on hand to update the community.

Addison Community Television will air the meeting live, and viewers will have the opportunity to call in questions during the live broadcast. email questions can be sent either before or during the meeting to ShapeOfAddison@AddisonAdvantage.org.

Addison Community Television can be seen on Comcast Cable Channel 6, AT&T U-Verse Channel 99, or online [here](#).

Ask Mayor Veenstra Live Monday Evening

Mayor Rich Veenstra will answer questions from residents Monday, Jan. 5, when he makes

Garland, live greens, wreaths, or other non-recyclables are not accepted in this program.

The Center is open from 8 am to 3 pm, Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Saturday. It is closed on Sundays and holidays. For more information please call the Environmental Services Division of Public Works at (630) 279-2140.

his monthly appearance on Addison Community Television's "Ask Mayor Veenstra" program.

Tune in to the live broadcast at 6 p.m. and call the phone number on your screen to speak with the mayor about a question or concern.

Or email your question before or during the program to AskMayorVeenstra@addison-il.org.

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