



# Village of Addison eNewsletter

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### From the Desk of Mayor Rich Veenstra

To say that 2015 was a busy year would be an understatement. In addition to the many projects the village accomplished, we saw more signs that things are improving for us economically. Businesses are rebounding and our industrial area is expanding. Our outlook is very promising.

One of my first initiatives as mayor was finding a way to reinvigorate community pride. Our summer events are a way to bring people together to socialize, to enjoy the food and entertainment, and to engender that pride.



Above, "Rock 'n Wheels" grew in popularity over the previous year, drawing an average of 1,000 per week. Below, the Harvard Avenue Lift Station was just one of the infrastructure improvements completed last year.



just the latest tool in our communication toolbox, as well as CodeRED, our website, and various social media platforms. But, I – as well as all of your elected officials – are always willing to speak with residents on the phone or to answer an email. We take our duties to serve the community very seriously, and look forward to a very successful 2016!

Respectfully,

Rich Veenstra  
Mayor

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The response has been tremendous. "Rock 'n Wheels," our free weekly concert/food fests held in June, July and August, built on the momentum of the previous year, and became even more successful in 2015. I already am hearing from people who say they are looking forward to Thursday evenings this summer.

One of the things that will be noticed when the events return in June is the improvements we have made to the Village Green, the open space adjacent to Village Hall. This has become the location of many of our events, including Memorial Day and "Rock 'n Wheels." This space, unfortunately, has had drainage problems for many years, meaning that even if it didn't rain on the day of an event, the ground might still be holding water from days prior.

Flood mitigation was the top priority to improve this space, and that was completed immediately after the 2015 summer events ended. Future improvements are planned in the coming years, including adding more lighting and other aesthetic changes and amenities.

Elsewhere in the Village, projects were taking place that reflect the fact that our community is now more than 130 years old, and much of the infrastructure reflects that. We were grateful to qualify for an IEPA Low Interest Loan that allowed us to make significant upgrades to sanitary sewers, lift stations and the like.

In addition, more than 7 miles of streets were resurfaced this past year, as part of our MFT program. Maintaining infrastructure like this takes a lot of work and, quite frankly, a lot of money. But it is our primary job – to meet the needs of our community.

In order to meet those needs, we are always looking for ways to improve communication with our residents. This year we unveiled the "Addison Connect" mobile app, which allows residents to report a problem or concern and, utilizing their smartphone, pinpoint exactly where the problem is. This allows our staff to more quickly address the problem, as well as allowing you – our customer – to track our response.

"Addison Connect" is



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

# 25th Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball Raises \$62,000 for 20 Charities

## Organizers Gear Up to 'Make It a Million' in 2016



**The Mayor's Community Charity Ball was held Nov. 14 at Alta Villa Banquets. Left to right, Mayor Rich Veenstra and his wife Maryann hosted the event, and greeted guests as they arrived. Miss Addison 2015 Tracy Ibeling assisted in drawing the winners of the cash raffle. Guests browsed the Silent Auction room, bidding on more than 350 items.**

While it would be virtually impossible to fit all of Addison inside a banquet hall, it's no exaggeration to say every segment of the community was represented at the 25th Annual Mayor's Community Charity Ball.

The gala event was held Nov. 14 at Alta Villa Banquets, and raised money for 20 different charities and service organizations in Addison. More than \$62,000 was raised, all of it to the benefit of our community. Checks to the various organizations were presented at the Village Board meeting on Dec. 21.

"It's hard to believe that it has been 25 years," said Mayor Rich Veenstra, host of the event. "But I'm proud to say this was one of our most successful events ever.

This year's event raised money for Addison Community Switchboard, Addison Center for the Arts, Addison Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Addison Rec Club, Americans of Italian Descent, Concord Lutheran School, District 4 Foundation for Educational Excellence, District 88 Foundation, GlenOaks Hospital Foundation, Good Samaritan United Methodist Church, Kiwanis Club of Addison, Knights of Columbus, LCFS - Lutherbrook Child & Adolescent Center, Medinah Shriners, Parks & Recreation Foundation, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 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 Knights of Columbus.

Attendees enjoyed entertainment by the Addison Trail High School Chamber Strings and Elmhurst College Jazz Band, while they placed bids on more than 350 items in the Silent Auction.

Miss Addison 2015 Tracy Ibeling was on hand to help announce the winners of the cash raffle, which awarded \$3,000 in prizes.

Of special note was the attendance of the Russotto family, as the Mayor's Ball was begun in 1991 by then Village President Anthony Russotto. The small fundraiser for the Addison Community Switchboard has continued to grow.

In fact, since it began, the event has raised approximately \$936,000.

"That is a remarkable amount of money, when you consider that every bit of it has gone into helping our own community," said Mayor Veenstra. "It is very possible for us to reach \$1 million at the next event, and so we have made it our goal in 2016 to 'Make It a Million.'"

The 2016 Mayor's Community Charity Ball will be held Nov. 12 and, as always, everyone in the community is welcome to attend! To be added to the invitation list, contact the Village Community Relations Department at 630-693-7550.

## Employees of the Month

## News Blurbs



### **Benjamin Koehling Dispatcher Police Department October 2015**

Benjamin Koehling, a Dispatcher in the Police Department, has worked for the Village for 14 months. Before joining our team, he worked for the Village of Bloom in Dale for 15 years.

As a 911 Dispatcher, he answers calls and sends them to others for service. Ben is married to Mindy, and has three children: Noah, 6; Emily, 3; and Henry, 21 months.

His hobbies include amateur photography, cooking, and roasting his own coffee beans. Ben also likes to travel with his family to different parts of the U.S. and recently took the family to Disney World.



### **Angelo Sorce Special Events Coordinator Community Relations Department December 2015**

Angelo Sorce has been a Special Events Coordinator in the Community Relations Department for the past 15 years. This involves planning, booking and coordinating live events.

Angelo enjoys spending time with his daughter Nicole, who is 20. In his spare time,

### **'Ask Mayor Veenstra' Live Feb. 1**

Mayor Rich Veenstra will answer questions from residents Monday, Feb. 1, when he makes 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](mailto:AskMayorVeenstra@addison-il.org).

"Ask Mayor Veenstra" airs the first Monday of each month (except for holidays.) Future programs will be held March 7, April 4 and May 2.

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

### **Shape of Addison Town Hall Meeting**

Itasca Bank & Trust will present the 9th Annual "Shape of Addison" Town Hall Meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 27 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

he enjoys riding his motorcycle.

## Employees of the Year



### **Hugo Perez and Robert Davis Public Works Department**

Hugo Perez has been an employee of the Village since 2007, both as a Public Utilities Worker I and in Electrical-Forestry. He maintains the water system throughout town and repairs water main breaks. He also works on fire hydrants and other various water services.

Hugo enjoys softball, bowling, snowmobiling, exercising /fitness, and spending time with his family.

Robert Davis has been employed by the Village for 18 years as a Public Maintenance Worker II. His job includes working on water main breaks, A.M.R. systems, water meters and maintenance of fire hydrants and water mains.

Rob is married to Cheryl and has three children: Emma, 13; Haylee, 9; and Rayna, 9. He enjoys golf, and hunting and likes to help coach his girls' sport teams.

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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](mailto:ShapeOfAddison@AddisonAdvantage.org).

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### 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.

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[Coming Events](#)

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